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eaths of Uganda archbishop and Amin ministers bring world condemnation

aths in Kampala of the Anglican Archof Uganda and two of President Amin's ministers have brought strong refrom the World Council of Churches,

the International Commission of Jurists and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, among others. There was scepticism about the official version that they died accidentally.

ested men died in road accident, radio says

Feb 17.—The Angli-ishop of Uganda and act ministers were Kampala road acci-trying to escape their alleged part in gainst President Idi 2 Ugandan Govern-unced today. hbishop, Dr Janani

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The Archbishop of Uganda, Dr Luwum, whose death was mourned by the General Synod yesterday. Obituary, page 14

After the death of the accused archbishop and the two ministers, a presidential spokesman speaking by tele-phone from Kampala said: "It s a terrible shock to every-

Dr Luwum, aged 52, was enthroned in June, 1974 and was only the second African cleric to head the archdiocese which covered Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and Boga-Zaire, an area of western Zaire. A student of the London College of Divinity, he headed a community of three million Anglicans.

been cut off unfinished on the

grounds that it was political

as a great shock to hear of the archbishop's public arraign-

ment, sudden arrest and almost immediate death while in the

hands of the security forces, to-gether with two ministers of the Cabinet who were also

He read to the synod a cable

he bad just received from the Apostolic Delegate in London,

Archbishop Bruno Heim, ex-

pressing the Roman Catholic Church's support and sympathy

Dr Luwum's predecessor as

Archbishop of Uganda, the Rt

Rev Leslie Brown, now Bishop of Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

read to the synod an open letter, sent to General Amin by the 18 Ugandan Anglican

for the Church of England.

Christians."

Dr Coggan added: "It came

Oboth-Ofumbi. regarded as the closest civilian to the President in the Ugandan hierarchy, was Minister of State for Defence in the President's first Cabinet after the 1971 coup.
Colonel Oryema was chief of police in 1971 and went on the

radio within hours of the coup to broadcast support for President Amin, then a majorgeneral.-Reuter. Our Nairobi Correspondent

It said: " The gun whose muz-

zle has been pressed against the bishop's stomach, the gun

which has been used to search the Bishop of Bukeli's house is

the gun which is being pointed

at every Christian in the Church. We have buried many who have died as a result of being shot and there are many more whose bodies have not

more whose bodies have not been found. Their disappear-

vities of same members of the

country, the fear and mistrust, make development, progress and stability impossible. The gun

which was meant to protect Uganda as a nation, the Ugandan as citizen, and his pro-

perty, is increasingly being used

against the Ugandan to take away his life and property."

synod stood for a moment in

After further tributes the

"This brain-drain from our

ance is connected with the

security forces.

Coggan voices Church's shock and outrage

arouse suspicion about me actual cause.
The fact that the three had died so soon after being arrested and in such unusual circumstances, was bound to arouse doubts, given the highly charged situation existing in

Uganda. Today Canon Burgess Carr, the Liberian general secretary of the All-Africa Conference of of the All-Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), based in Nairobi, described the archbishop's death as murder by the Ugandan security forces. It was inconceivable, he said, that the archbishop and the ministers could have been taken without further escort for interrogation. The official version was "preposterous", he said, and the AACC was alarmed by indications that the alarmed by indications that the archbishop's murder might be part of a campaign of terror against the Christians of

The AACC has repeated its request to send a high powered African church delegation to Uganda but has had no

response.
This is the centenary year of Christianity in Uganda, mark-ing the arrival in 1877 of the first missionaries from the Church Missionary Society, forerunners of the Church of Uganda. Archbishop Luwum had been closely concerned in the plans to mark the cen-tenary but they are now in obvious doubt.

The archbishop's funeral is to be held in St Paul's Cath-edral, Kampale, on Sunday, and thousands of Christians are expected to attend. The ceremony may well be a tense

President Amin has suggested that the Presidents of Kenya and Tanzania should join him in Kampala next Monday for a special meeting of the East African Authority, supreme body of the East African Community, which has been shaken by recent quarrels writes: There was no explana-tion for the long delay in announcing the deaths—about 16 hours—which must help to

Amin came to power in 1971.

Kampala deaths also

provoked strong reactions from the World Council of Churches,

and the International Commission of Jurists, both of which

issued statements in Geneva

(full report, page 8).
The jurists said bluntly that

the deaths were an assassina-tion. "The pretence that they were killed in a motor accident

will deceive no one ", the statement said.

The executive committee of the World Council of Churches

asked for an international investigation into the killings,

requested the United Nations

Human Rights Commission to inquire into violations of human rights in Uganda and appealed particularly to African nations to take action

against further loss of life in the country.

British dilemma, page 8;

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receives letter from Mr Carter

Moscow, Feb 17.—Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Russian dissident leader, received a personal letter roday from President Carter, an unprecedented move that threatens to increase the American-Soviet conflict over human rights in the Soviet Union.

Dr Sakharov said the letterwas the first he had ever re-

was the first he had ever re-ceived from the United States Government. It had been handed over to him at the American embassy in Moscow.

Dr. Sakharov showed the original of the letter on White original of the letter an White House notepaper to journalists. He said he had sent a reply to the President immediately. The letter was dated February 5 and came in reply to an earlier letter from Dr Sakharov to Mr Carter soon after his inauguration lett much

Dr Sakharov said he had been telephoned by a diplomat at the American embassy and told to go there.

An American official had met him outside the building and conducted him past the police guard. He spent some 30 minutes talking to the diplomat and giving his views on the human rights situation in the Soviet Union.

In his first letter to the

In his first letter to the President, dated January 21, Dr Sakharov called on him to carry out his pre-election pledges to defend human rights throughout the world. That letter, Dr Sakharov said tonight, was carried to Washington by an American who visited his flat. He gave no further details shout the except

about the courier.

Dr Sakharov said he regarded the President's decision to communicate with him directly as "an expression of support for the human rights movement in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe". He added: "If he has taken such a step it will has taken such a step it will not, I think, be an isolated one. After such steps, others always follow."

The President's letter said: Dear Professor Sakharov,
I received your letter of January
21, and I want to express my
appreciation to you for bringing
your thoughts to my personal
attention.

Human rights is a central concern numan rights is a central contern of my administration. In my inaugural address I stated: "Because we are free, we can never be indifferent to the fate of freedom elsewhere." You may rest assured that the American people and our Covernment will continue. and our Government will continue our firm commitment to promote respect for human rights not only in our country but also abroad. We shall use our good offices to seek the release of prisoners of conscience, and we will continue our efforts to shape a world responsive to human aspirations in which nationals of differing culin which restorate of universe tur-cures and histories can live side-by side in peace and justice. I am always glad to hear from you and I wish you well. Sincerely, Jimmy Carter.—Reuter

Threat to détente, page 9

Mr Crosland's condition still critical By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Crosland's condition remains critical, and there has been no further sign of deterioration or improvement, a hospital representative said yester-

The Foreign Secretary was admitted to the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford on Sunday, suffering from a stroke. He has been unconscious since then. His wife, Susan, and her daughters, Sheila, who arrived yesterday from the United States, and Ellen, are at his bedside.

Dr Sakharov Government will ask Commons next Tuesday to approve guillotine on devolution Bill

Political Editor

The Cabinet decided yesterday to use the guillorine on the devolution Bill. After conceding a consultative referendum in the Commons this week, Mr Foot, Leader of the House, and the Government Chief Whip will put their fortunes to the touch next Tuesday, when there will be a three-hour debate and then a division.

No one may were be even that No one may yet be sure that the Government can win the division unless most of the 13

Liberals make common cause with the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru to sup-port the Government. Some ex-perienced government business managers still held last night that the guillotine motion will be narrowly defeated and that Mr Callaghan and the Cabinet will have to abandon the Bill and blame the Conservatives.

Mr Foot and Mr Cocks, the chief whip, however, had no choice except to impose a timetable. Amid all the opposition outcry in the House yesterday the news had a fairly water welcome from harkwarm welcome from back-benchers who want to make sure that the Scotland and Wales Bill does not obstruct all other business for most of the rest of the parliamentary session. It is probably the least-loved Bill that any government has introduced in recent years.

On present threats at least Labour backbenchers,

and Wales, will vote against a guillotine or abstain. But there will probably be more abstentions than votes against; and some Liberals, although they have lost the battle on proportional election of the Edinburgh and Cardiff acsemblies, will not want to put the whole several of them from Scotland and Wales, will vote against a guillotine or abstain. But there will probably be more abstentions than votes against; and some Liberals, although they have lost the battle on proportional election of the Edinburgh and Cardiff acsemblies, will not want to put the whole devolution proposal at risk by will not want to put the whole devolution proposal at risk by voting with the Conservatives. Last night the unofficial whips of the Labour opponents of devolution said they were assured of 21 votes against the guillotine motion, possibly 22.

guillotine motion, possibly 22. Two Welsh Labour MPs, Mr Affred Evans, Caerphilly, and Mr Leo Abse, Pontypool, intend to oppose the Bill to the end, and three other Welsh Labour backbenchers insist that they

Others who say they will vote against the Bill, or a guillotine to carry it, include a few Scottish MPs and some English Labour backbenchers, especially from the North-east and the North-west.

If the Government fails to carry the timerable motion cur-tailing the committee stage it is scurcely conceivable that Mr Callaghan and the Cabinet could decide to fight the Bill through until June or July, and then find it at risk in the Lords late

in the session.

The threats of the Labour

National Executive Committee to abolish the House of Lords have put the peers, not least Labour peers, on their

duty as they see it. Party managers on both sides of the Commons were assuming last night that the Liberal Party would split between the Government and the Opposition, and that the smaller groups in the House would counterbalance each other. That leaves the Gov-ernment's fate in the hands of its own dissident backbenchers: and both the Prime Minister and the government whips are at work on them.

Mrs Thatcher has sent out orders for a strict three-line whip. The only exception will be the pairing of Mr Crosland, who is critically ill.

Much of the Conservative has tility to a guillotine is directed at Mr Foot. As Mr Taylor, spokesman on Scotland, commented hast night: "It seems outrageous for Michael Foot of all people to force a guillotine on a constitutional Bill when he went into a near fronzy when a guillotine was moved on the ommon Market."

A group of English Conservative backbenchers are concerning a campaign at the weekers!

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Two Seveso babies 'deformed'

From Patricia Clough Rome, Feb 17

A doctor working in Seveso, near Milan, said today that two women exposed to the poison-ous dioxin during pregnancy had given birth to deformed babies. The dioxin escaped from a chemical plant on July 10 last year.

The Lombardy regional government, which is keeping watch on the health of inhabitants of the contaminated area, says it knows nothing of the two cases and is checking the claim.

Dr Dario Miedico said one child was born a month ago to a woman in Pavia who, had visited her sister-in-law at Seveso regularly during the first weeks after the escape of diama from the Icmesa plant, when the full extent of the danger was not known.

She had eaten contaminated produce grown in the garden and had been included by the medical authorities in the high risk group of expectant mothers.

The beby was born with its intestines blocked in three places, he said. It had been operated on and was still in an incubator. The second baby was born to a woman in Cesano Maderno, a community near Seveso. It has a similar deformation of the intestines. Dr Miedico refused to identify

the children, saying that the families wanted it kept quiet.

A man is reported to have declared at a recent Milan University debate that his wife, who teaches near Seveso, gave birth on January 18 to a child with a malformation of the palate. This was confirmed at the Milan hospital where the baby was born, but the head of the gynaecological department said the woman worked outside the contaminated area and "we do not think that there is any con-nexion with the dioxin".

Hybrid ruling blow to nationalization plans

By Martin Huckerby and David Leigh A severe blow to crucial

sections of government plans to nationalize the aircraft and shipbuilding industries was dealt by the Examiners of Private Bills in the House of Lords yesterday when they declared the nationalization messure hybrid.

The Government has had to invoke the provisions of the Parliament Act to get the Air-craft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill this far in its entirety. The Lords threw out the shiprepairing section last session and only when the Commons demanded its inclusion did the peers turn again to the metic of hybridity.

Despite the delay caused by the hybridity finding, the Bill

must eventually become law this session. The Government does not have to make any changes, although it is a prisoner of the Lords hybridity procedure. The difficulty is one of further

Assuming ministers do not find an escape hatch in the small print of the hybridity finding, the Government to speed matters, has one option an offer to drop the contentions ship-renairing clauses. That would enable the rest of the Rill to go through in a few weeks. The Prime Minister came under further pressure yesterday from the shipbuild-

ing union to minimize delay because the industry is in severe trouble.

But, if backbench opinion finds such a retreat intolerable, the Bill still becomes law by

The Bill was declared hybrid (differing in its effects on similar categories of persons or

Westminster Dredging Comabout the turnover of com-panies to be nationalized was not germane to the subject matter.
The size of a company's turn

over was one condition for nationalization, but the examiners pointed out that in at least one company, the Humber Graving Dock and Engineering Company, about two fifths of the turnover required by the Bill did not relate to ship-repairing business.

Unless the Government backs down the Lords' standing orders committee will decide what happens to the Bill. The committee, which is expected to meet next week, possibly on Tuesday, will probably decide to refer the Bill to a select committee, which would hear petitions from people who wight

be affected. Mr Christopher Bailey, chairman of Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, who has been righting the Bill, the select committee was established he would petition for his company to be dropped from the nationalization list. Because many people might

take advantage of the procedure to raise a variety of issues, the select-committee procedure might prove even more pro-tracted than the hearings before the examiners.

the examiners.

After 26 days of hearings the examiners delivered a 15-page judgment to an audience, including MPs and peers, crowding the Moses Room in the House of Lords. Mr T. G. Talbot, QC, counsel to the chairman of committees in the Continued on page 2, col 8

C call for licences to ate newspapers

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limited to a small and powerful section of the community was not freedom, but privilege and patronage.

Mr Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, told the con-ference that biased reporting of Britain's industrial affairs had serious effects on the economy. Such misrepresentation, he said, affected Britain's reputation abroad. "The result is that sterling is damaged, exports are lost and investment deflected."

The impression was given of Britain's being down and out, with poor industrial relations primarily responsible. Similar prominence was not given to support for the pay policy by unions or the remarkable reduction. tion of days lost through

disputes.

Mr Murray said unions had the right to challenge people in the media and there were too many examples of blatantly bad reporting, which suggested that the movement was the disputering element.

ruptive element.
Mr William Keys, reneral secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades said a group of unionists was examining the possibility of bringing out a daily paper about the movement and the

people.

Moss Evans speech, page 7

cut base

rates to 11½%

The major clearing banks cur their base rates by one point to 11½ per cent, which means that industry will now be borrowing at 12½ per cent against the crisis level of 15 per cent in the autumn. This cut does not necessarily mean that mortgages will be cheaper. Meanwhile Bank of England figures show that the Government is now comfortably inside its target for monetary expansion

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Coal prices are to rise by 15 per cent from April 1 and the National Coal Board gave

£132,970 damages

A university graduate, aged 28, confined to a wheelchair after a car crash, was awarded £132,970 damages by a High Court judge in London. The previous highest award to England was £130,110 to a Bristol executive for brain damage Law Report, page 16

Solar energy plan

Rome students clash Extreme left-wing students shouted down Signor Luciano Lama, a leading Commu-

Fee-paying places
Almost half the education authorities in
England and Wales are still taking places
at independent schools. a survey published
today by The Times Educational Supplement shows. Councils paid £23m for 40,000 places in 1976-77

Anglo-Irish strain

Observers think Anglo-Irish relations are nearing their lowest ebb since the British Embassy in Dublin was razed five years ago. Litigation over Irish allegations of British torture in Ulster and the coming trial of British soldiers in Dublin are pro-

Legal fusion opposed: High Court judges have opposed fusion of the two branches of the legal profession on the ground of cost and ethics

Bonn: Men tread warily as women romp during Rhineland carnival 7 South Africa: The Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town joins the growing church-

Bread strike call

The Bakers' Union instructed its members to take industrial action from Sunday week in an equal-pay dispute. Severe disruption of supplies is inevitable if the action goes ahead, but some bread will be produced at smaller bakeries Page 2

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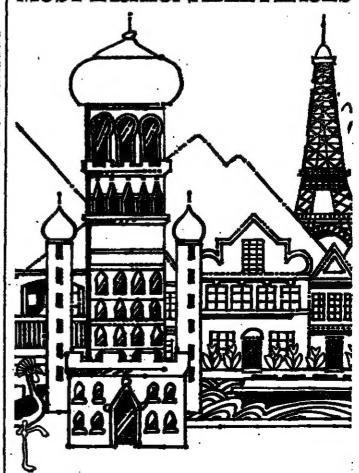
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n the Commons on March 29 (our Ediror writes). Makannouncement in the esterday, Mr Foot, the ent's principal attempted manager, left it to be the TUC f that Mr Healey would restraint.

will open his Budget
Labour MPs believe it is unlikely that the Prime Minister could remove Mr Healey to the Foreign Office to succeed the roreign Office to succeed the stricken Mr Crosland until he has prepared a Budget and attempted to make a deal with the TUC for a third year of pay

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Clearing banks

Coal price warning

a warning that there might have to be more increases in the autumn to cover the cost of early retirement for miners. The board hopes this can be met by improved productivity

The Government is to spend about £6m during the next four years in an accelerated programme of research and development on the use of solar energy, mainly for domestic water and space heat-ing Page 2

nist trade unionist, who tried to address them at Rome University. A clash between Communist and extreme left-wing students followed in which 50 students were injured Page 7

Holiday fund levy may be reduced

Discussions which could result in cheaper package holidays are about to take place between the Government's Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency and the Civil Aviation Authority. At present all holidays makers taking air inclusive holidays pay a levy of 2 per cent to the fund but this may be reduced because of the growth of the fund

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Councils spent £23m on places at independent schools

By Mark Vaughan, of The Times Educational Supplement

Nearly half the educational authorities in England and Wales are still taking many places at independent schools. A survey by The Times Educational Supplement shows the are number paid for by local edu- authorities. Only four are cation authorities throughout Labour and three of those said the country exceeded 40,000 their system was due to end and cost more than £23m in

The findings come as the Government is urging local authorities to curb spending and eliminate selection by adopting comprehensive sys-tems Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has been questioning education authorities about the

Her department is examining replies received so far; eight are still to come. The Times Educational Supplement survey, conducted this month and published today had a full response.

It shows that 46 authorities still spend heavily on independent school places, 39 take up none, and 19 take only a handful of places. For the 46 heavy spenders

the average bill this year will be £500,000 and the average cost of each place £575. According to the Ministry of Defence and the Foreign Office, central government will places, bringing the total state spending on the independent sector to at least £59m this

Lancashire this year is pay-ing just less than £3m for 6,275 places: followed by places; followed re's 3,650 pl Cheshire's 3,550 Cheshire's 3,550 Trafford's places 2,270

From Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent

The great debate on educa-

tion starts in Newcastle upon

Type today, with the first of

the eight regional conferences

organized by the Government.

But, great debate or no, the

real challenge to the city's

teachers is to relate the two

worlds of school and work.

More than a third of the 3,500

1G-year-olds who left school last

summer have still to find jobs.

congratulating themselves on

the tenth anniversary of abolishing the 11-plus examina-

tion, find that more and more employers are using a battery of

return to the old school certifi-

chord among many of the two

thousand employers in New-

castle. What they want is a decent a examination

decent examination to measure and compare the achievements of the hundreds

of applicants who are over-whelming them with requests

for jobs.
Some of the city's big engineering and shipbuilding com-

panies are introducing remedial

teaching in mathematics and literacy in their training

The city's education fathers,

Newcastle upon Tyne

places (£900,000); Bolton's 1,890 places (£856,000) and Croydon's 1,686 places (just under £1m)

The survey which excluded all special schools, shows that four fifths of the big spenders Conservative-controlled their system was due to end this year.

Seven of the eight "rebel" authorities, who two years ago told the Government they had no intention of going fully comprehensive, appear in the group of 46. They are Bexley, Essex, Kingston upon Thames Redbridge, Surton, Tameside and Trafford. Only Buckinghamshire is excluded.

The commonest given for taking places were shortages of places in state schools (32 out of 46 authorities) and religion.

Other heavy spenders clude Bedfordshire, Berkshire, Bromley, Bury, Devon, Hert-fordshire, Liverpool, Newcastle, Sefton and Surrey.

The survey shows that in two years the 46 heavy spenders have reduced consumption of places by 10 per cent on average.

Most gave several reasons for taking places, although it is apparent from the replies that many carry on traditional links with the private sector so that a few academically able pupils can continue to be selected from the state system.

The association, which has 40,000 members, including a high proportion of graduates, believe that all children bene-Among authorities that the survey shows clearly come into the last category are Avon, Bolton, Dorset. Essex. Keut, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and fit from formal testing of their

Business has a poor opinion of modern education

Apprentices taught basic maths

thinks, is beyond them.

Forrest, a factory trainer in the

three hours a week, beginning

with how to use a rule and then

how to measure sixteenths of an inch. He would like to teach

them thirty-seconds, but that, he

C. A. Parsons, the electrical and mechanical engineering

company, gives its craft appren-tices a month's induction course,

with lessons in basic arithmetic

for three or four hours a week. Mr Frank Peacock, the train-

ing manager, summarized best for me the gap between the

world of work and school which,

although both sides are trying

to narrow it, seems to be still

as wide as the bridge over the

Tyne.
"We are finding in schools on the

site, it is either right or it is

wrong."
Mr Leslic Allen, of Vickers,
the armaments and engineering

company, runs a training school for 60 apprentices at the Elswick

plant. He gives them regular tests in basic calculations needed, for example, before they can use a milling machine or a micrometer. He said:

"We are not using the 25-week course to train just for late."

course to train just for lathe' fodder, but we are making sure

aptitude and ability tests to too great an emphasis on the select the pupils they take on need to develop the wonder of

Science, spoke last week of a seen to be more important than

return to the old school certificactually getting the answer cate examination in a group of right. In educational terms it basic subjects, it struck a warm probably is; on the building

schemes.

At Swan Hunter shipyard's sure square footage so that he training centre, Mr George can order a carpet."

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When Mrs Williams, Secretory of State for Education and process of getting an answer is

plating section, is giving half metric and imperial measure of his trainees lessons for ments. Philip Hutchinson, with

academic progress. Parliamentary report, page

eight good CSEs and one O

level, was one of 30 trainees taken on by Bainbridge, the de-

partment store, last September. Yet it was found before he started work in "dress fabrics"

that he had never learnt metric

Mr Malcolm Craig, Swan Hun-

ter's further education officer, finds that his bright 11-year-old

son cannot use an aerosol spray

properly, because he does not know what seven inches means

the distance he has to hold the tin away from the surface

he is spraying.
In the combined literacy and

numeracy tests that many em-

ployers are now insisting that

job applicants should sit, scores

rejected because their letters

of application to such employers as Brims and Co, the building

and civil engineers, are written on paper little better than

lavatory paper or not much

A boy who began his letter to R. H. Patterson, one of the big car dealers: "I am

wrighting (sic) to you . ."
wrote himself out of a job. Yet
a boy from St Aloysius Comprehensive School who has not
yet mastered the spelling of his

school's name but has done a

work experience course stands a 90 per cent chance of getting one of this year's 20 vacancies. "Elder statesmen's" views,

split on

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schools ".

examination

By Judith Judd, of The Times Higher Education

Pressures for the widespread

and indiscriminate testing of

children should be resisted, the

National Union of Teachers says in its contribution to the educa-

tional debate, published today.

The document argues for a

common examination for all 16

reliable information about the

performance of pupils and

It says that if systems of national testing were to be im-

posed on all pupils at various

On the curriculum, the paper

says that a real danger arises

ining bodies, managers and local authorities to concentrate

on the specified subjects, as happened under the School

Certificate and 11-plus systems.

Since teachers are accountable for their pupils' achievements, they must also be responsible for the curriculum,

the NUT says. Annual examinations: Britain's

third largest teachers' union, the Assistant Masters' Association,

today calls for a return to full-scale, formal, annual examina-

tions in secondary schools, instead of relying on assess-

ages, education would suffer.

Teachers are £6m plan to develop solar energy

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By Kenneth Owen

Technology Correspondent The Government is to spend about £6m during the next four years in an accelerated programme of research and development on the use of solar energy, mainly for domestic water and space hearing, Mr Alex Eadie, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Energy, Department announced yesterday.

Existing programmes of the Department of the Environ-ment and the Department of Industry will account for about 52.400.000 of the total. A new programme by the Department of Energy will add a further £3,600,000. year-olds as "the most signili-cant single measure that could be taken at this time to obtain

In a parliamentary reply Mr Eadie said that the main areas of the Department of Energy programme would be solar water and space heating; data on the amount of solar energy received; and research into biological systems.

from the soecification of sub-jects to be taught and assessed. The union believes this would lead to "irresistible pressures" from parents, exam-

Services. The intention to in-

effect on April 1. The maxi-

of dental treatment will be in-

The maximum charge for

dentures, at present £12, will

pinlays and gold fillings will

for more than three teeth of

Price changes sought by the

EEC would add 50p to the weekly food bill of a British family, farmers said yesterday.

changes were inadequate to cover their extra costs (our

the Bill fails to carry party

benchers are Mr Charles Morri-

son and Mr David Knox. The conference would spread much

Yesterday the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru

withdrew the early-day motion

in which they complained on Wednesday night of the con-duct of Sir Myer Galpern, first

deputy chairman of Ways and Means. Mr Donald Stewart, SNP leader, and Mr Dafydd Wigley, Plaid Cymru, agreed in the interests of the House to

drop their criticism.
Our Political Correspondent

writes: Although the Govern-

ment has attempted to meet the demands of the official Opposi-

tion in changing the questions it is proposed should be

and a written constitution.

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creased from £3.50 to £5.

increased from April 1

Secretary of State for Social seeking regular treatment.

crease charges was announced raised from the present levels

by the Chancellor of the Ex- of £2.25 for each single vision

chequer last July as part of lens and £4.25 or £5 for each

the savings in public spending. bifocal lens, depending on type,

mum charge for most courses bifocal lens, and £6.15 for any

vary between £20 and £30, and Britain, said last night that he

the charges for crowns, inlays. was arranging ralks among the

be £10 a tooth, with a maximum tions on economies in medicines

Mr Ennals said it was with wanted medicines worth mil-

reluctance that it had been lions of pounds were destroyed.

They insisted that the proposed mined stand against claims for

conference would spread much on the question whether the Scot-wider than devolution to include and and Wales Act should be put Lords reform, electoral reform, into effect.

Agricultural

writes).

Prices call by farmers

The new rates come into to £2.90 for each single vision

greatest potential return". Mr energy needs, equivalent to Eadie said. Some industrial about 2 per cent of present Eadie said. Some industrial consumption, within the upon solar energy research was consumption, within the being carried out and a main 25 years. In the longer term, perhaps 25 years after that, perhaps 25 years after that, part of the new programme would be in the form of contracts in support of existing

industrial initiatives. Research solar-power programme came also under- after similar research commir-"The Building Research Establishment will also undertake a large share of the work, while supporting and funda-mental studies will be carried out by academic institutions." The Meteorological Office

had for many years recorded the published data on the use of solar energy in buildings, he continued. As interest in the subject grew, more information would be needed in urban "The direct or indirect

production of liquid or gaseous fuels through the use of biolo-gical systems is a challenging long-term possibility."

logy support unit at Harwell. "The use of solar energy for the sun could be making a water and space heating has "significant contribution" to been identified as the area of meeting the United Kingdom's

Optical charges would be

lens, £5.50 for each fused glass

Economy talks: Mr James Ban-

nerman, president of the Phar-

maceutical Society of Great

medical professions for sugges-

(our Nottingham Correspon-

dent writes). Every year un-

The council of the National

Farmers' Union took a deter-

Devolution questions revised to suit Tories

should be referended in Scotland and Wales to consult the electorate

The Act provides that there should be an elected Scottish assembly and executive, and that Scotland

should remain part of the United Kingdom. The new assembly and executive would exercise substan-tial powers devolved by Parlia-

ment. Do you want the provisions of the

Act to be put into effect in Scotland? Put a cross (X) in the appropriate box. Yes. [] No. []
The change has been made

to meet the objections of the

Conservative Party, who maintained that the original word-

ing was slanted to produce s

referendum has also been sitered to suit the wishes of

The question for the Welsh

other type of lens.

If the projects were commercially successful, the Govern-According to a report by the department's energy technoment would expect a return out of profits. Five companies'

proposals had already been authorized for contract signature. Taking the heat, page 19

that might increase tenfold.

At a press conference yester-

day Mr Eadie said the new

ments on wave power and on

geothermal energy, and other

alternative sources of energy

scientist, Department of Energy, said a main aim of the

new programme was to acce-

lerate the application of solar

power by assessing and, where appropriate, part-funding the

activities of commercial firms.

The department would offer

up to half of the funding

Dr Walter Marshall, chief

were being examined.

required

national

Health Services Correspondent charges for particular expen-By Our Labour Staff

Details of increased charges sive items of treatment, such for dental and optical treatment as crowns. That was the only under the National Health Ser- way to keep down the ordinary vice were given in the Com- maximum charge to a level that mons yesterday by Mr Ennals, should not deter people from

> The dispute revolves round says four fifths of the workers, including men and women, are paid a higher rate than the

> workers are doing work of a broadly similar nature and, in

The Federation of Bakers said yesterday that it felt that the union did not want a peaceful solution to the dispute. It regretted "the union's refusal to allow the matter to be the price freezes from food pro-cessers and the consumer lobby. ment ". subject of independent assess

cise substantial powers de-volved by Parliament."

Both preambles are more ex-tensive than the Conservatives

Persuasion visit : Welsh Labour

Party and Wales TUC officials

will travel to Westminster on

Tuesday in an effort to per-suade the six Welsh Labour

MPs who oppose devolution to

support the guillotine motion. The Welsh Labour Party and the Wales TUC have recently

joined forces to run a cam-

paign in favour of devolution

and the delegation to Westmin-

ster will tell MPs who oppose devolution that the labour and

trade union movement have worked for an elected assembly

for some years

proposed.

Optical and dental fees Union calls bread strike

The Bakers' Union yesterday instructed its 56,000 members to take industrial action from Sunday week over an equal-pay dispute. Some bread will be produced if the action goes ahead, but severe disruption in supplies is inevitable.

The strike will be divided among four groups; two at a time taking action and the other two working normally, without producing extra bread. Mr Samuel Maddox, general secretary of the union, said some members wanted a total

workers who handle so-called "morning goods", smaller items such as bread rolls. The union rest, who are all women, and it is demanding pay rises to end the anomaly.

The union says the lower-paid

some cases, exactly the same. An emergency committee meeting of the union's full-time officers and executive members is scheduled for Monday.

nexion with references in a that he believed the magazine article to the fight graphs were the reasonst IRA bombers. The son's deportation. Tax building Concern

By Malcolm Brown

The costs of constructing an

the estimated completion date is early 1979.

In May, 1966, the Treasury approved the planning of St John's House as a computer centre at an estimated cost of £2.68m. By February, 1968, that figure had risen to £4.4m, largely because of a decision to

put in the referendums, back- the Opposition. It states: "The benchers were busily drafting. Act provides that there should in literacy are generally far higher than in numeracy. Yet some people who would no doubt make first-class bricklayers or site workers are being the Bill fails to carry party benchers were busily drafting new amendments yesterday.

As proposed by the Government, in the revised ballot paper, the voters in Scotland would be asked: Benchers are Mr Charles Morribuse to carry party benchers were busily drafting new amendments yesterday.

As proposed by the Government, in the revised ballot paper, the voters in Scotland would be asked: The new assembly would exercise the busily drafting new amendments yesterday.

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The Property Services
Agency notified the Treasury
in October, 1972, that the estimated cost had increased to Services 5.25m mainly, the Comptroller says, because of industrial disputes ; the granting of contracts before detailed requirements were known; and high winds which restricted operation of

the tower cranes.

In 1973 the agency decided that the building would have to be adapted, and a new con-

But fresh difficulties arose, and by August, 1974, the agency was signing a contract worth £6.3m. When he asked for an overall figure the Comptroller

for which Mr Hosenb: until last July, and a government com centre at Cheltenham tronic eavesdropping. Two paragraphs of -suggested that the IR/ using radio signals to bombs. If the Army ture the signal th

Deportation move i

Scots court by Mr A

By Stewart Tendler

tary's decision.

Home Affairs Reporter

Two detectives and a Home

Office official last night served

a deportation notice on Mr

Philip Agee the former CIA

agent, who is in Edinburgh seek-ing to use Scottish law to fore-stall or evade the Home Secre-

Mr Agee is being deported for reasons of national security,

journalist working for the Even-

ing Standard in London. Mr

Scottish courts were diminished

yesterday after the Law Society

far as immigration law is con-

cerned the Home Secretary car-

ries the administrative respon-

sibility for the United King-

dom". However, he is presenting a petition in the Court of

Session in Edinburgh next week.

The Home Office also said that as far as it was concerned

It will be argued that Mr Rees

has failed to abide by the Immi-gration Act in furnishing suffi-cient details of the case against Mr Hosenball and that deporta-

tion in the Act refers to a future

threat rather than past actions.
It is now known that the three members of the Home Office advisory committee closely ques-

detenate the bombs t Mr Hosenball whas is Mr Mark Hosenbail, a did not write the ; asked where that part of the article had c Agee's chances of success in the been written if it had nated from secret so of Scotland had said that "as A lawyer from the was also questioned b mittee on the passas relation to the D-Noti

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which precludes pub sensitive material. Mr Duncan Camp wrote the article, gav. that as far as it was concerned to the committee and :
Mr Rees's powers of deportation much of the material covered Scotland as well as available. The map England and Wates article included two Meanwhile, Mr Hosenball is Northern Ireland, who has High Court next discovered in a teleph

Meanwant, and the Meanwant of the High Court next to apply to the High Court next discovered in a recept week for leave to appeal against tory.

Last November T, was told that the de might be connected w ero Ireland and the 1 British agents. The asked by the committ confirm that informat Mr Neil Hosenball, ball's father and

official with the Rani Space Administration

will cost £12m more

increase the building's size.
Nine months later £500,000 was
put on the bill because of the
bigh building costs in the Liver-

some years

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was told that the latest figure, at March, 1976, prices, was £14.72m.

Inland Revenue building in Bootle, Merseyside, have multi-plied more than fivefold from the original modest estimate of under film to nearly £15m, according to a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General, published yesterday. The Comptroller, who says the build-ing should have been finished at the end of 1970, reports that

pool area.
Two years later the contractor ceased trading, and the contract was reassigned. Only four weeks after that the Inland Revenue had a change of heart about computerization, and it was eventually decided that St John's House should instead be

tract, worth about £3.85m, was

ship and air delays

Continued from page 1 Lords, explained that

trine of hybridity was to give the minority fence against the le in modern terms th: defence against the Cr Referring to the whether particular c ought to be included Bill, he said: "It ! urged on us, on beha Government, that we s concern ourselves w trivialities, and we as the Government that indeed trivialities."

The examiners concl the draftsman of the been assigned an I task. To ensure that was not hybrid he ha on such information as ernment had been able from sources that v always sympathetic. had the knowledge av us, he would in all p have succeeded." Our Industrial Corre will be welcomed by o of nationalization w shipbuilding industry senior executives are over further uncertain

Mr Clifford Baylis, d the Shipbuilders and National Association, night that the Go should have taken the tunity last November through a compromise ing to the exclusion repairing companies. : try would be damage delay.

Our Air Corresponden Sections of the aircraft due for nationalizati-intensely disappointed hybridity decisions. Mo industry has accepted evitability of a state

Government is beaten on college closures

The Government was defeated, by 39 votes to 25, in the Scottish Grand Committee yesterday on a motion to take note of a consultative documents of the clasure of ment relating to the closure of two teacher-training colleges. and the merger of four others.

Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, was attending a Cabinet meeting when English Conservative MPs appointed to the committee to reflect the composition of the Commons, turned up in force.

Industry and education Henry Chilver discusses how universities can help industrial regeneration in The Times Higher Education Supplement today. Allan Rodway reviews a collection of essays on popular culture, and Ninian Smart takes a nostaleric look at Oxford of the collection of the collection of essays on popular culture. a nostalgic look at Oxford after

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Unstreamed classes get blame for poor record

Education and Science.

In all those subjects the inspectors blame unstreamed classes for part of the low achievement. They say schools are often failing to provide suf-ficient challenge to the child with mathematical ability. with mathematical ability. Mixed-ability classes often mean the teachers' expectations are far too low for many children.

"under-performance at all ages and all stages" in modern

due to scarcity of teachers Mathematics, Science and Modern Languages in Maintained Schools in England: An appraisal of some key subjects by HM Inspectoratr. (Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London, SE1 7PH.)

All inner-London secondary schools are to become comprehensive. Sir Ashley Bramall, leader of the Inner London Education Authority, said yesterday that the last statutory consent to end 11-plus selection had been received. He said there would be 178 secondary schools, 52 with fewer than 750 pupils, 79 with 750-1,200 pupils, and 48 with 1,200 or more pupils.

More direct lines Direct dialling by British telephone subscribers to Bahrain and Papua New Guinea has More calls for return to free wage bargaining Mr Scargill said his area council was completely against the social contract continuing. It had cut wages and living

standards.

the cuts are restored and that hospitals, schools and educa-tion services are developed and improved and not cut." The Tass executive said in

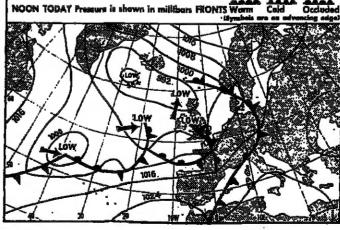
Large councils reject local income tax plan

would be too high, and that it could not take effect within 10 years. It could not be independent of at least some degree of central control.

"If there was such a tax, the volume of grant would he reduced. No extra freedom would accrue to local government in its spending plans, and that remains the real area of local autonomy to be preserved."

It also says that local income tax would not provide a stable income for local authorities and that there would be a danger of "poverty traps". For all its faults, the rating system should be remined and improved. The association says, however, that local income tax might be reconsidered if there were radical changes in local government organization as a result of the devolution debate. The Association of District Councils, in its submission to the Layfield ... committee, said it believed that the rating system must be retained. It was not convinced about local income tax, but would like to see further research done.

Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun sets: 5.21 pm Sun rises: 7.9 am Moon rises: Moon sets: 6.52 am 6.10 pm New moon: 3.37 am.

Lighting up: 5.51 pm to 6.37 am. Lighting up: 5.51 pm to 6.37 am. High water: London Bridge, 1.47 am, 6.9th (22.5ft); 2.13 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Avonmouth, 7.26 am, 13.7m (45.0ft); 7.44 pm, 13.5m (44.2ft). Dover, 11.13 am, 6.6m (21.7ft); 11.32 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Hull. 6.22 am, 7.3m (23.8ft); 6.29 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Liverpool, 11.22 am, 9.5m (31.3ft): 11.47 pm am. 9.5m (31.3ft): 11.47 pm., 9.2m (30.3ft).

A deep complex depression is moving slowly to the NW of Britain and an associated trough of low pressure will move from SW across most districts. Forecasts for 6,am to midnight:

London, SE, central S, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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waies: Cloudy, rain, becoming brighter with showers later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).
East Anglia, E. NW, central N England, Lake District: Cloudy, rain at times; wind S, moderate t fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

NE England, Borders: Rather cloudy, summy intervals, rait later; wind 5 moderate increasing fresh later; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Isle of Man, Edinburgh, Dun-dee, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, NW, SW Scotland, N Ire-land: Rather cloudy, heavy showers, show on mountains, sunny intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C (43°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scot-land, Orkney, Shetland, Cloudy with rain, becoming brighter and

drier, showers later: wind S, fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-day: Changeable, showers or louger periods of rain, temp near or a little above normal.



S North Sea, Straits (English Channel (E): W strong to severe gale, vi and decreasing strong is wery rough.

St George's Channel, It Wind SW, strong to gole ing variable moderate later: sea very rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max, 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min. 6 am 6°C (43°F). Humidil 85 per cent. Rain, 24 hr. 08in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm Bar, mean. sea level, 6 p millibars. falling.

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By Robert Doe of The Times Educational Supplement

Criticisms of the standards of mathematics, science and

foreign lauguages taught in schools are contained in a report from government school inspectors made public today. It was prepared as part of the debate on education called for by the Prime Minister last

year. It has been produced for the first of eight regional con-ferences for those with an in-terest in education, which is being held in Newcastle today under the chairmanship of Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for

Much time is spent in school on the basic skills of arithmetic The trouble is that the teaching is producing such dis-appointing results." But indusmy, they point out, requires recruits not only to be able to

Science teaching is criticized for being "too modern" and leaving out too much of the factual side of science, failing to produce enough physical scientists and for failing to relate courses to industrial processes. The inspectors say there is

languages.

The report recognizes that many of those difficulties are

London loses last of its 11-plus schools

Two more powerful voices were raised yesterday against a continuation of pay restrain when phase two expires in just over five months. Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Yorkshire area of the National Union of Mineworkers, called factors immediate return to for an immediate return to

free collective bargaining.

The Technical and Supervisory Section (Tass) of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, representing 160,000 white-collar workers, voted at its executive committee meeting yesterday in favour of unfettered wage bargaining next year. bargaining next year.

Cuts in government spending represented unemployment. represented unemployment, hardship and suffering. York-shire miners will do everything in their power to ensure that

was imperative that the TUC should take urgent steps to carry out congress policy and restore free collective bargain-

By Christopher Warman Local Government Correspondent

The introduction of local income tax to help council finances would be nothing but an expensive irrelevance, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities said

Metropolitan Authorities said yesterday.

The association, representing the main conurbations, rejects the idea of local income tax and supports the retention of the rating system in its reply to the Government on the proposals of the Layfield committee on local government finance. That is a somersault, for its submission in the Layfield committee two years ago described the rating system as "outworn and no longer acceptable to the public", and suggested that a proportion of national taxation should be assigned to local government. The reasons for the change of heart were approved by the association in London yesterday, and have been forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Environment. The association believes that the cost of collecting local income tax

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EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

Anglo-Irish relations nearing lowest ebb since embassy burning

Genuinely perplexed by what they see as a new bout of

nationalistic fervour against the traditional enemy, British sources see the forthcoming

Irish general election as a

reason why so much edge has

crept into recent bilateral dis-

agreements. "It is obviously a time when all Irish politicians

feel that their manhood has to

be asserted for electoral pur-poses", an official explained.

Overshadowing all the poten-

tially divisive factors is the trial

next month of eight members of The Special Air Service Regi-

ment. The physical presence of men from the regiment in a

Dublin court is certain to pro-

vide republicans with emotional

fuel for intensifying their

propaganda campaign against

On the British side there is

a fear that any attempt by the Irish to pursue the charge of

carrying weapons with intent

to endanger life, which carries a long maximum prison sentence on conviction, would have consequences much more

damaging than anything wit-

Against all the difficulties has to be set the fact that relations between countries are

more often a dull shade of grey than the black and white in which the media prefer to paint them. Cooperation on border

One small chink of light has emerged with the British agree-

nessed in recent vears.

continues to work well.

From Christopher Walker

Anglo-Irish relations, long regarded as being among the most sensitive of diplomatic plants, are considered by many observers to be heading towards their lowest ebb since the British Embassy in Dublin was burnt down five years ago.

Evidence for the decline is to he found almost daily in newspapers on both sides of the rish Sea and in the comments, attributable and unattributable; of official spokesmen for both governments. It has yet to affect the ordinary English citizen visiting the Republic of Ireland for business or pleasure, although in recent weeks a new range of topics has emerged on which he is likely to be engaged in argument. Senior British officials see the continuing litigation over the alleged torture of repub-

I'can internees in Northern Ireland as the prime cause of the trouble. There is no doubt that British pride has been hurt by the recent adverse decision from the European Court of Human Rights and there is a conviction that the Irish are pursuing the case vindictively. A number of other irritants have combined to exacerbate ill feeling. They include the republic's refusal to sign the new European convention on lin ministers about the lack of a British initiative in Northern Ireland, a reneated assertion by Scotland Yard that Ireland still a haven for TRA combers, and a complex assort-

ment to refer competing claims over the waters around Rockell ment of maritime disputes. Pacifist journal attacks detention of writer

pacifist newspaper, involved in peace and commu-Peace News, said yesterday that the detention of one of its writers under the Prevention of Terrorism Act was ludicrous. Mr James Hineson, who is unmarried and in his late twenties, was taken into custody by Liverpool police on Wednesday after arriving by the Belfast

Mr Michael Holderness, a member of the paper's editorial collective, said: "Mr Hineson was invited to go along with members of the editorial collective to said." was invited to go along with fist organization and we would members of the editorial collective to talk to people the British Army."

bullion robbery. It also

Ince was recently transferred to family.

confirmed that Mr Ince had

been due to have electric shock

treatment.
The Home Office said Mr

Leicester Royal Infirmary after

spending several weeks under

treatment in Gartree prison

hospital. It did not deny that

he was given large doses of

drugs at the prison.

MP's question

ban on trousers

Mr Gwilym Roberts, Labour MP for Cannock, tabled a

Commons question yesterday to

Mr Silkia, QC, the Attorney General, to ask what criteria the Lord Chancellor uses when

appointment of judges.

The question arose after the decision on Wednesday of Judge Anwyl-Davies to bar Miss

Gisèle Albertine, a reporter, from Knightsbridge Crown

Court, London, because she was

wearing trousers. The judge soid: "The dignity of the administration of justice is absolutely essential".

Mr Konerts said: It is a ridiculous decision and emphasizes yet again how out of touch many of the judges are, not enly with the man in the street, but even with what is now

common practice on the tenches". His wife often wore

Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, I abour MP for Northampton. North, said: "This is quite

nurrageous. Women in the House of Commons wear their trousers when it is cold."

Water charges

reform delayed

the Environment, told a Com-

He blamed the slow progress of the Water Charges Equaliza-tion Bill through Parliament.

The Government much regretted the consequences for Wales.

Davon, Cornwall, Northumber-

land and Durham, which stand to gain under the Bill.

Doctors' group

seeks Acas aid

mons committee yesterday.

trouser suit on the bench.

Mr Roberts said: "It is a

after judge's

nity work in Londonderry." He said Mr Hineson, who lives in London, was not employed by Peace News but wrote regu-larly for it. He was a member of the British Withdrawel from Northern Ireland Campaign, Mr Holderness said. He understood that Mr Hine-

son was being detained under section 10 of the Act, which refers to financial support for terrorist, activities. "That is terrorist, activities. "That is ludicrous. Peace News Is a paci-

Drugged prisoner kept in padded cell is

io a padded cell referred to "zombie-like", alleging that be mistaken identification in the George Ince, who is serving a was unable to recognize them. bullion robbery and that Mr 15-year sentence for taking part According to the Home Office Ince is innocent.

he was due to have electric

shock treatment at Gartree last

month, on medical advice. The

treatment was postponed after representations by Mr Ince's

part in a £400,000 silver bullion

robbery at Mountnessing, Essex, in 1972. He recently began legal action against the Essex police force for alleged negli-

Mr Ince was jailed for his

George Ince, Home Office confirms

Ey Peter Godfrey
The Home Office has confirmed that a report published by The Times of an inmate at Gartree maximum security prison being drugged and isolated in a padded cell referred to Confirmed the confirmed that he confirmed that he confirmed the confirmed that he confirmed that a report published that he confirmed that a report published that a report published that he confirmed that a report published that he can induce docide behaviour. Gartree prisoners have designed that he can induce docide behaviour.

Heavy-gang charges rejected by minister

Mr Patrick Cooney, the Irish Government's Minister for Justice, yesterday denied the existence of a "heavy gang" interrogation squad in the Irish Republic's police force.

In a detailed statement to the Dail he rejected demands for an early inquiry into brutality charges against the police.

Mr Cooney was answering a question tabled by Mr Gerald Collins, spokesman on justice for the Fianna Fail Opposition, about the increasing number of allegations of ill treatment of suspects, and took the opportunity to reply to newspaper accusations that the Garda Slochana the republic's police force, used brutal methods.

He said a judicial investiga-tion would be authorized only the present system of check ing charges, through the courts and internal machinery, proved Mr Cooney said there had

been a deliberate attempt to discredit the police by propa-ganda, although not all complaints fell into that category. Every alleged assault that had been tested in court had

A reserve policeman in the Royal Ulster Constabulary was wounded yesterday when his car was fired on by several gunmen, as he left Kinawley police station, on the Fermanagh Cavan border.

security and many EEC matters An Irish Army patrol later challenged a group of men at Coffey's Ford, about two miles from Kinawley. There was some shooting, but no one was in-jured. Extra troops and police were called in. The policeman, aged 35, from Enniskillen, was derained in hospital

The Northern Ireland Office, and the departments of educasocial services are so join forces in establishing an experimental centre at Dummury, on the outskirts of Belfast,

The centre, expected to be operational by the end of the year, will offer improved counselling for children aged between 10 and 16 who appear before the courts on non-terror-ist offences.

ist offences.

It will assess children who have been to court to help in deciding if they should be sent to a training school or continue a normal kie with the help of a probation officer, and take a number of boys out of a co Down training school and let them return home.

gence and wrongful prosecution

over the Bain restaurant murder at Braintree in 1972. He was acquitted of the murder at a second trial. A campaign

is being launched to establish

According to reports from inside Gartree, Mr Ince was

put into " patches ", the uniform

of a potential escaper, on his arrival at the prison, and then

into solitary confinement. He

was then transferred to a

special cell, his wrists were

found to be cut, and he was taken into the prison hospital,

where he contracted pneumonia

and later a thrombosis.



Mr William Garside, head of the returned letter department at Newton Street postal sorting office, Manchester, with Christmas gifts that were not delivered because of poor packaging.

'An illusion that the whole work could be done by one man'

Judges against single-branch legal profession

By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent
Fusion of the two branches of the legal profession would lead to longer and costlier trials, a deterioration in the standards of advocacy, and a lower standard of professional ethics, the judges of the High Court have told the Royal Commission on

In a joint memorandum of evidence, the 70 judges from the three divisions of the High Court (Family, Chancery and Queen's Bench) put forward a spirited defence of the present division between barristers and solicitors.

They reject the often argued proposition that removing the duplication that takes place when solicitors are obliged to

Highest-paid are

There has been a sharp drop

in living standards among all income groups during the

period of pay restraint, accord-

ing to a regional cost of living survey published today.

The survey suggests that living standards have dropped

most sharply for those at the higher end of the earnings scale,

but that all groups have seen

It illustrates that by looking at, eight families whom it re-

The family with the lowest

earnings living in a semi-detached council house, with a

black-and-white television set

and a small car, needed a monthly income of about £304

at the beginning of 1977 to maintain standards. Under the

pay-restraint policy their earn-

ings are £16 a month short, a

At the other end of the scale

a family with a large house, 31-litre car, telephone, golf-club membership, domestic help and

a daughter at a fee-paying chool, would need £2,870 gross a month, and would be £660 a

month short, or down 34 per

UK Regional Report (Reward Regional Surveys Ltd. Price Et).

worst hit by

By Our Economics

Correspondent

gards as typical.

drop of 8 per cent.

restraint policy

ing of time or money. the lower courts any cost-saving
The judges suggest that under derived from having only one would anyway have to go from the lawyers handling the case generally to lawyers specializing in advocacy, and some duplica-tion would occur. Their main

"endlessly prolonged arguments, adjournments, to enable hitherto unsuspected issues to be explored, and wasted costs".

By a Staff Reporter

A district council has lost

several thousand pounds in

unpaid rates because council officials did not know of an

empty factory and nearly six acres of adjoining land. South Cambridgeshire Dis-

trict Council has discovered that rates on a former seed

factory at Linton were paid

only up to 1967, when it was

temporarily taken off the valuation list. It was never restored.

Mr. James Fline delect

executive of the council, said

yesterday that the council had had the power to levy a half-rate on the factory, owned by an Essex company, but "we did not know it existed until the

local press told us about it ".

He said there was no question

of recovering the lost rates, but the council was to have the

factory put back on the list

would necessarily lead to a sav- of experience showed that in fused system many cases person handling the case from start to finish, rather than two (counsel and solicitor or his clerk) was insignificant.

> sentation, the amount of work depending upon the factual and legal issues. But we believe it to be an illusion that in any but on insignificant number of cases, the whole work either could or would be done by one man." By and large the client was charged for the complexity and

length of the work involved. The fact that it was done by one, two or three lawyers did not necessarily mean that the total cost Indications over many years to the client was affected.

"I imagine we have lost

several thousand pounds in

that is a very small amount compared with the total rare

revenue of the area we do not

like losing anything ", he said. Bill : discrepancy: Buildings with heating systems linked to

those of council flats have not

Mr Benjamin Allsop,

CILY

said yesterday that £18,000 might be outstanding. He said

the discrepancy come to light

when he becan investigating

tenants' complaints about heat-

uncollected rates and

Correspondent writes).

Nottingbam

ing charges.

fear about the possibility of a and inexperienced advocates exercising the right of audience

could stand the strain of a sub-stantially increased hearing time for cases currently dealt with by the Bar alone is questionable. At best, the judges say, the consequences for the administration of justice would be serious in terms of delay and judicial wear

and tear.

"At worst, we fear delays of such an order as to produce either a complete collapse of the

Liquorice may put addicts out of sorts

- S ANIXOUNCEM

Jail and baggake

for county care council

chairman

George Newman, aged chairman of Stafford County Council, was jaile

Mr Justice Jupp at Star Crown Court yesterday fo months for corruption.

judge said Mr Newman w

forfeit his public office an

barred from serving in pulifie for five years.

Jack Nicklin, aged 4!

builder, and Mr News

fellow defendant, of Gorse I Brereton, was jailed for

Mr Newman, described

the judge as a brave

courageous man, for 40 1; a leading Staffordshire placian, was found guilty

charges of corruptly rece a total of £3,000 and guil

corruptly receiving a ca 1962. He was cleared corruptly receiving £200.

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defeat the ends of p

Mr Nicklin, father of

children, was convicted o charges of corruptly givin, Newman £2,000. He was fo

newman 12,000. He was no por guilty of two charge giving him £1,200.

Mr Newman, of Chads Road, Rugeley, who in 1966 made a CBE for service.

made a CBE for service: local government, was describy Mr John Field Evans, for the prosecution, as a rupt and influential counce who lined his pockets while the pay of a local builder. He said all the offe involved planning applicate by Mr Nicklin and his pany, Economy Homes between 1970 and 1973, we Mr Newman was a membe

Mr Newman was a membe Staffordshire County Cou and Rugeley Urban Dis

Council.
It was said that Mr News

received a cheque for £1

after Economy Homes had a £150 land option for £42.

The prosecution alleged Mr Newman disclosed co

dential information that gr

belt land was to be rezo

months.

instice.

By Our Medical Corresponde Liquorice sweets — b) twists, laces and all sorts—r cause internal chemical chan if eaten regularly, a group New Zealand doctors say in article in the British Medi Journal.

They found from tests at Princess Margaret Hospi Christchurch, that volunte who are 40z to 80z liquor every day for several we gained weight and their ank swelled. Biochemical investi, tions showed that they had lo potassium and gained sodit of the amount of water in (body had become disturbed.

Many of the volunteers gr up their liquorice within a f symptoms are likely to preve anyone from doing hims anyone from doing hims serious harm. But the rep suggests that doctors show give a warning against the e ing of liquorice by patients w raised blood pressure or he

Care for girl who took baby

A girl, aged 15, who took baby girl from her pram l month after reading a bo about a girl who snatched child was put into care Wimbledon Juvenile Con

London, yesterday.

The girl left the child at hospital nine hours after taki her, after watching a televisi she went to Wimbledon pol-station with her father.

Vaccination gain emphasized

A committee representifamily doctors yesterday urg parents to continue to ha children vaccinated again to George whooping cough.

The General Medical Services to George Committee said the gains frolling mind. Then the latest Britis the risk of brain damage. It the answer. Atlanta. George trend towards non-vaccinate his Airways flight to Boston with serious epidemic.

Inquiry into fire and San Francisco.

The Students' Guild at U versity College, Aberystwy began an inquiry yesterday in the use of the guild's printi equipment by a student to poduce leaflets describing how

"As for contested cases in the higher courts, each involves its competent preparation and prefear is that many of the func-

Council loses thousands

over 'unknown' factory

quickly so that rares could be Green were connected collected for the current year. boiler serving the flats.

Test-pitch saboteur freed

tear is that many of the func-tions now undertaken by bor-risters would be carried out in a fused system by a lawyer not really qualified or experienced enough to perform that work. The result would be that any trial would be lengthened by the time taken up by irrelevant matter, poor presentation and "endlessly prolonged argu-

in the higher courts.
"Whether the existing system

existing trial system or the necessity for a massive increase in the number of judges and court staff and in accommoda-

Welfare fraud allegations 'ill founded'

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent.
The Government's investigation of 765 cases of alleged social security fraud submitted by Mr Ian Sproat, Conservative MP for Aberdeen, South, produced only eight new cases, Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, disclosed yesterday. The effort involved yielded a tenth of the results of normal

received a heating bill for up to five years (our Nottingham fraud work. In most cases individuals days because of uncomforta were not identified and the swelling, headache, or loss allegations could not be invest-energy, suggesting that the igated. But those that were named included a significant number who were receiving no benefit; others were receiving benefits to which they were

Mr Orme commented last night: "The exercise I have carried out has proved that much of the bysteria Mr He discovered that a school, a probation officers' centre and branches of Earclays and the Trustee Savings banks in Hyson Sproat has created is without Green were connected to the foundation."

In one cose investigated it had been pileged that a mar-ried woman was fraudulently receiving £14 a week in unemployment benefit. In fact the was receiving £18.50 a week invalidity benefit for which she had qualified on the basis of her national insurance contributions.

Mr Sproat described Mr Orme's disclosures as "operation_whitewash ". Parliamentary report, page 6

Leeds rate 'lowest' Leeds will have the lowest

domestic rate of any city, 59.7p in the pound, in the coming year, Mr Irwin Bellow, Conservative leader of the council said yesterdy. It is an increase of 1.8p.

Health Services Board loses its chairman By Our Health Services

Correspondent

National Health Service hospitals and controlling development of facilities for private practice, with the knowledge that it would also be his last as chairman.

At its meeting yesterday, with one member, Dr Derek Steven-son, former secretary of the British Medical Association, absent in Australia, the board decided that it would meet about once a fortnight and its quorum should be three; one doctor, one unionist and the chairman. If there was deadlock on a recommendation, it was agreed the chairman should have the casting vote.

resterday and although the medical profession, during debate on the Health Services Bill. suggested that a judge should chair the board, that was rejected.

Finding a chairman for the board who would satisfy professional and trade union fessional and trade union fessional and selection the selection on asking for extra time to consider the phasing out of more pay beds, the board decided to study proposals by the ninety area health authorities for changing the use of the first thousand beds as already listed in a schedule ro the Act.

Windscale nuclear plant By Our Labour Staff A special meeting yesterday of the joint industrial council of British Nuclear Fuels failed

asked Guildhall magistrates, in

A decision on whether to appeal would be taken after Equalization of water charges in England and Wales will not come into effect this year, Mr Howell, Minister of State for the magistrates' stated case had been studied by the depart-ment's lawyers, an official said

the magistrates were being nent's lawyers, an official said asked to state a case because, esterday.

On February 3 the magis- had not said very much

side a North Sea drilling rig 90 miles north-east of Aberdeen. into wood, was spen They were winched on board the rig before their vessel sank. I new insight into life.

Nine seamen were rescued yesterday when their oil rig supply boat. Monarch Service, capsized while moored along-

to reach a settlement of the three-week-old strike affecting employees at the company's Windscale nuclear works in

The unofficial action began

last month when 30 changing room attendants, who issue pro-

Cumbria.

North Sea rescue campaigned. He said: "All I did was dig

British

Talks fail to end dispute at

up a cricket pitch." Much of his rime in jail, when not cleaning landings or putting screws into wood, was spent reading. He said that had given him a

zones were laid off without pay and they went on strike in pro-

test. Nearly three thousand non-

staff workers who were seeking

pay improvements also went on

closed the reactors and the re-

processing plant at Windscale, and is losing £14,000 a day in sales to the Central Electricity

Generating Board for supplying

the national grid. British Nuclear Fuels said yesterday:

tricity supplies to the country

unless the dispute is very pro-

There is no threat to elec-

government - owned

Nuclear Fuels has

Peter Chappell, a Test He plans no further demon-match saboteur, left Penton-ville prison, London, yesterday, the result of the investigation the result of the investigation by Det Chief Supt Jack Moulder, of Hertfordshire CID. to a noisy and emotional wel-come from his family and friends from the East End of London, including George Davis, the man for whom he He served 13 months of an 18-month term for wrecking the Readingley Test wicket in August, 1975, and other incidents in the "Free George Davis" campaign. Mr Davis was freed last May

by the Home Secretary after serving just over a year of a 17-year-term on an armed robbery charge.

Accounts delay hindered collecting of fines

By Our Legal Correspondent Accounting arrangements for the collection of fines in magistrates' courts are criticized by trates' courts are criticized by Mr D. O. Henicy, the Comptroller and Auditor General, in a report published yesterday.

Test examinations made by his staff showed examples of a lack of competitive tendering for the purchase of enipment, the installation of inadequate equipment, weaknesses in sys-tems and delays in rectifying them, and differing systems operated by courts using accounting machines. In one court, delays and diffi- red eventually.

culties in installation had caused additional expenditure, the employment of extra staff and overtime working. At one stage fines of more than £730,000 were outstanding but the figure has since been

reduced. The report shows that at March 31, 1976, nearly £18m in fines was outstanding in the magistrates' courts of England and Wales (other than those in Inner London), but all of that was not then due for payment. The Home Office has estimated that only 3 per cent of total fines imposed were not collec-

bomb leaflets

make fire-bombs.

The leaflets were confiscate but later returned, because was thought that they would regarded as a joke. The pre-dent of the guild said he und stood that the leaflets had be destroyed.

Anti-vandal film uses 'rail sports' image

By Craig Seton

A film showing a lunatic school sports day held on a busy railway line is to be part of British Rail's campaign to reduce deaths and injuries caused by damage to railway property by children.

The Finishing Line, aptly described by British Rail as a fantasy film, was launched in London yesterday. It departs from the standard form of railway safety campaign and after successful "tests" it will be offered for use in schools

before Easter. Last year 33,000 crimes of

Mr John Krish, the director, said it was not a horror film but was about the "sanctity of life". He had sanctity of life". He had used an allegorical form because "children have a highly developed sense of drama and an underdeveloped esense of danger".

The film portrays a fantasy

leaves passengers and a driver with bloodied faces. British Rail believes the film

will have its biggest impact among children aged between eight and 12 Executives are enthusiastic about favourable responses from parents. teachers and children at six

Council to make 28 senior staff redundant

Medway Borough Council in Kent intends to make three directors and 25 other senior officers redundant in an attempt to cut he wage bill by £180,000, it was announced vesterday.

The three directors are Mr. William Cook, planning and architectural services. Mr Ravmond Squires, finance and Mr Terence Barley, environmental

Man said to have paid wife for intercourse Mrs Doris May, aged 46, the husband, the judge

was grapted a decree nisl in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday against her left it one night, husband, who was described as quoting Scripture. obsessed with religion and said to have become dictatorial and domineering after joining the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Mr Justice Evans accepted that Mr Albert George May, aged 51, had paid his wife for intercourse, £5 once a week, the husband had said. That was because Mr May had kept his wife short of money, the iudge said.

added. He had danced un-clothed about the house and left it one night, stark naked,

The judge granted a decree nisi to Mrs May of Alton Close, sued his religious interest Sudbury, Suffolk, holding that going around creaching to the her marriage to Mr May, of exclusion of his business as West Street, Erith, London, had sewing-machine repairer. The broken down and she could not bome in Abbey Wood, London reasonably be expected to live had to be sold to pay the with him. Mr May had denied debts. breakdown and did not ask for divorce.

Jehovah's Witness and the dictatorial

He started to forbid her god-to the cinema or to celebra Christmas or birthdays and mis

Mrs May, berself formerly member of the Plymonth Bret The judge said the wife's case ren, had wanted to go to to cinema and enjoy the ordinal occasions of life, and found b

his balloon, a descendate belloon, a descendate world's latest aircraft.

The Junior Hospital Doctors Association and the Hospital Consultants' and Specialists' Association have taken their

claim for negotiation rights, held solely by the British Medical Association, to the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) (our Health Services Correspondent

after the Bill became law, and its work now appears likely to Mr Ralph Gibson, QC, chaired

the first meeting yesterday of the Health Services Board, which will be responsible for phasing out private beds from

His appointment as a High Court judge was also announced resterday and although the

Slater case call to bench

The Department of Trade has trates acquitted Mr Slater on asked Guildhall magistrates, in 15 counts involving £4,073,477 the City of London, to detail lent by the Slater, Walker mertheir reasons for dismissing 15 chant bank for the purchase of summonses against Mr James Slater, the financier.

A decision on whether to

The Department of Trade said

tective clothing, walked out in support of a demand to double the 70p a week bonus for working near "active" areas. As a result, a thousand workers who enter "active"

the railways, double the 1966 The games include breaking figure, and 16 children died. down fences to cross the busy More than 30 drivers, 28 guards line, a race across the tracks and nearly 250 passengers were in front of a speeding train and injured by stones thrown, Vandalism is thought to cost tunnel. In cach case many British Rail between £2m and £4m a year.

Mr John Krish, the train stone-throwing connest directors and it was not a longer passagement of the connection o

Last year 33,000 crimes of sports day, seen through the schools in Hertfordshire who vandalism were committed on eyes of a day-dreaming child, were shown the film.

The Conservative-controlled

judge said.

was that three years after the cinema and enjo
There had been "frenzied, wedding her husband, prebizarre and alarming conduct viously an atheist, became a views irksome.

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Friday, February 18, 1977



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deals to the United vhere experts predict my is about to take also excellent value. of the packages and are given in a bookish Airways and the Traveller", which in every executive's For the period May er, these include: i: Return flight and ints at Tokyo's New itel costs from £460. D STATES: Return

flight to Chicago and ten nights at the Contad Hilton Hotel costs from £405. There are also packages to Detroit

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and New York.
Others are available to Hong
Kong, Bangkok, Tel Aviv. Malta and cities all over

Missions

Apart from sales expeditions, the packages are also ideal for people who wish to attend trade fairs or conferences abroad. The booklet, "British Air-

ways and the Business Traveller", contains other invaluable travel information for businessmen and their com-This includes advice on

arranging conferences around the world.

It also gives details of "Thinkaway" - packages for executives who want to examine complex company problems without disturbance, and Study Tours for factfinding missions overseas.

Reward

British Airways "Skyhigh Awards" incentive scheme which can be used to encourage sales and profits and to reward outstanding achievements. "British Airways and the Business Traveller" can be obtained from British Airways shops, travel agents or by writing to British Airways Business Travel (Ref. C), 18, Crimscott Street, London, SE1 5TS. For businessmen who already have a copy, a supplement of prices from April will be available

ring to Georgia

IA on your mind? Then the latest British Airways Transatink-Up is the answer. Atlanta. Georgia, can now be daily from London Heathrow. Link-Up provides a smooth dy British Airways flight to Boston where a Delta Airlines iting to take you on to Atlanta. Other US cities covered by Link-Up arrangements are Houston, Tampa. New Dallas and San Francisco.



DESN'T look like Concorde. It doesn't fly as fast as Concorde. But it is called corde. This balloon, a descendant of the earliest attempts at manned flight, is ad by several British Airways pilots – who fly it for fun as a break from flying e of the world's latest aircraft.

معتقدنه فوسنا برنيف المال المتعلقة



British audio equipment on show in Tokyo

Massive cuts in fares to Europe

Back to Beirut

BEIRUT is back on the British Airways destination board. A weekly non-stop VC10 flight to the Lebanese capital has been reintroduced from London Heathrow.

The Tuesday flight departs Heathrow at 0900 arriving in Beirut at 1530 local time. The return, which is also non-stop, leaves Tuesday at 1645 arriv-

Concorde heads for

Texas

A PLAN has been proposed which would allow Concorde to fly across America between Washington and Dallas/Fort

Worth. The agreement between British Airways and Braniff Airlines — which is subject to U.S. Government approval — will mean that Concorde would operate direct between London and Texas.

After flying supersonically to Washington, it would be leased by Braniff for a return flight below the speed of sound This is your

TUNE IN to Flight Watch, a

British Airways and London

Broadcasting production aimed at giving travellers up-to-the-minute flight news.

Every morning from 6.30 to 8.45 Flight Watch gives LBC

airline speaking

listeners half-hourly informa

ways flights.

tion on that day's British Air-

British Airways studio at West London Terminal, the bulletins

go out on 261 metres Medium

Wave and 97.3 VHF.

Broadcasting from the

FLY THE FLAG on a Poundstretcher to Europe at well under half the normal fare - that's British Airways new bonus for travellers. From April 1, fares to Italy, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia and Cyprus have been slashed. Travellers qualify for the new cheap fares as long as they book and pay for their flight at least a month in advance for a minimum stay of two weeks — one week only in Greece — and a maximum of three months. It has all been made possible by new APEX — Advance

Purchase Excursion — fares introduced by British Airways who pioneered this type of fare to the Caribbean in the early 1960s. The new low fares on scheduled British Airways flights give a tremendous cash saving to the holidaymaker who wants to go it alone. These are just a few examples of the new cheaper fares which

> Istanbul £86 (£296) 71%; and Cyprus £132.50 (£304) 66%. Cartoon by Ross APEX fares are still availa-

> will be applicable from April, with the normal scheduled fares in

brackets, all fares from London. Rome £77.50 (£211) a saving of 63 per cent; Venice £72.50 (£181) 60%: Belgrade £103.50

(£218) 53%: Athens £85 (£292) 71%: Corfa £83 (£262) 69%;

ble to Malta from £69 and to Gibraltar for £77 off-peak and £88 in July. August and September. In Gibraltar, travellers must

stay between six days and one month.

The fares quoted to Malta, Gibraltar, Cyprus and Yugos-lavia are still subject to Gov-

ernment approval. Fares on scheduled flights to Spain and Portugal have also been cut. To qualify passengers have to travel in groups of at least three, which can include a child, and stay for any number of whole weeks between one

and seven.
The fares to Palma start at £50.50, and the other destina-tions are Oporto, Lisbon, Faro, and Alicante, Valencia and

Maiaga.

Instant Purchase fares are still available to Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam at substantial savings.

They can be bought on the same day as travel or the day before — for Paris after 1400, for Brussels after 1900 and for Amsterdam after 2100.

There are also other Poundstretcher fares offering savings to most points in Europe for stays between six days and one

Give your family a flying visit

VAST NUMBERS of Britons have relatives and friends in Australia, New Zealand, Canada. the United States and South Africa . . . and the best way to visit them is to fly the flag with the reassuring "home from home" service of British Air-

Flying to those countries is frequently cheaper than most

For example, while everything else seems to be rising in price. British Airways now offers cheaper than ever scheduled fares to Australia. Up to £79.50 has been cut off current fares and a return flight to Perth, for example, is

So it's a good time to start planning that long promised reunion with friends and relatives living Down under. British Airways is the only airline flying from London to all

four major Australian bourne, Brisbane and Perth every flight by a 747.

Details of the fares available are in the story below. Fares to New Zealand start at £530.50 return for a stay of between three weeks and six months. There is no advance booking require-

North America

If your destination is the USA or Canada then British Airways will get you there at the right price.

Overseas Air Travel (ATOL No. 038AC). flies Advance Sooking Charters from Heathrow, Manches-

ter and Glasgow. London to New York from £122 return. Other flights go to Los Angeles. Chicago, Toronto and Vancouver.

The price is fixed from the day the full amount is paid, and from then on

there will be no surcharges. Flights have to be booked 50 days in advance and OAT offer an easy payment instalment plan plus in-

flight complimentary bar

South Africa

facilities.

For those planning to go to South Africa APEX comes to the financial rescue offering a £219:50 return flight.

There are daily British Airways flights to South Africa with evening departures making it easier to reach London from the reg-

people think.

available for as little as £425.

Clubs smooth the way

THE reunion clubs formed by British Airways to take the fuss and worry out of flying to Australia, Canada and the USA are an outstanding success.

More than 40,000 people planning to visit friends and relatives overseas have joined. The founder membership fee of £1 will end on-April 1, and the fee will then be £2.

The Australian, Canadian and American Reunion Clubs are open to all UK residents with friends or relatives living in those three countries.

Benefits

They offer tremendous benefits:

 Up to date information on the cheapest approved fares.

 A. special savings plan designed to help old and young - You can even fly now and pay later.

Quarterly magazine.

Emergency travel insur-

 Special rates for Godfrey Davis car hire to Heath-

Further details can be obtained from British Airways Travel shops or leading travel agents.

Poundstretchers are best way to Australia These are the Poundstretcher travel in April or May.

fares available to Australia: APEX (Advance Purchase Excursion). This offers scheduled flights up to £79.50 cheaper than the present cheapest fare. Prices range from £425 return to Perth, £444 to Brisbane, and £450 to Sydney and Melbourne. They allow a maximum stay of nine months and a minimum stay of 21 days. Available from April 1, book-ings must be made 90 days in advance, but a special dispensa-tion has been allowed for pas-

sengers booking in February to

EXCURSION FARES. These fares — from £525 — are for the traveller who wants more flexibility as there are no advance purchase requirements and return flight dates can be altered.

ONE-WAY FARES. From £370 to £385 depending on destination. These can be used by travellers staying less than three weeks or more than

A special Australian Pound-stretcher leaflet is available.

For reservations or further details, see your travel agent or British Airways shop

Letters show no case Devolution Bill guillotine: Mr Foot dismisses claims motion will be k for alleging huge social security fraud

Mr James Lawond (Oldham, East, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services for a statement on current measures being taken the Government to deal with social security fraud; and whether he had investigated allegations of widespread fraud and abuse made in letters that have been submitted

Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, in a written reply, said—In statements to the press on july 29 and September 21 last year I stressed the Covernment's detecination to tackle the problem of social security fraud and abuse. 1 welcome the opportunity to make a progress report about the measure my department has been taking in

close cooperation with the Department of Employment.

In the longer term it is of overriding importance that we improve our means of prevending fraud. But it is clearly an immediate and con-tinuing task to detect and prose-cute the fraud which does take

The number of prosecutions doubled over five years—from 7,700 in 1970 to 18,400 in 1975. Over the past year they increased even more sharply—by about 25 per cent to over 19,000. This is a considerable achievement by the staff of both departments, and it has been done without any lowering of standards. without any lowering of standards; we still have a 98 per cent convic-tion rate.

on rate. As well as bringing this much larger number of cases to Court, we are actively engaged on some 40 specific studies into ways of im-proving our defences against fraud

In assessing the results of these studies it will be necessary to take account of current limitations on civil service staff numbers; and we must ensure that honest, and some-times vulnerable, claiman are treated in a humane and civilized

way.
The social security system is now concerned with paying over f10,000m annually to an average of 13 million people a week of whom at least 60 per cent are retirement pensioners. We process some 22 million fresh claims each year.

These figures indicate the scale and the nature of the enormous enterprise we are engaged in, and they should serve to put this problem in perspective.

But we are giving high priority to the completion of the first phase of these studies by September this year, and we shall implement measures arising from them as

lem in perspective.

quickly as we can.

In particular we shall pursue every possibility of dealing more effectively with collusive employers who, for their own financial advantage, help claimants to social security benefits to work "on the side". Our two lepartments are very ready to examine any evidence that can be provided. of collusion by employers, take firm action against it.

But I do not wish to lay the main stress on these efforts to deal with detected fraud. Prevention is even detected fraud. Prevention is even more important, and we are concentrating on using the knowledge gained from successful prosecutions to stop similar frauds happening in future.

A special review of criminal techniques was completed, in December and the knowledge gained was used to assemble a package of material which has been distributed to all local offices to encourage staff to have a grast-

to encourage staff to have a great-er awareness and understanding of possibilities of fraud.

evidence about criminal methods, it gives local office staff guidance about suspicious features in an application for a National Insurance number, or in a first claim to benefit; about methods of interviewing claimants or checking statements which are made; about effective ways of following up claims; and about dealing with applications for the replacement of allegedly lost order-books or giro-

Managers in all offices have been asked to discuss this material, together with any specific examples from their own offices work, with their staff to make sure that the anti-frand safeguards in our procedures are understood and

our procedures at many some of our key procedures, including those for registering people for insurance, for visiting claimants in their homes, and for issuing payments to beneficiaries.

My department investigates all letters in which precise allegations

of fraud are made. In recent weeks we have been dealing with a large number submitted by Mr Iain Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C), who was reported last July as saying that at least 20 per cent of claims are fraudulent and that about 50 per cent of people claiming unemployment benefit are not unemployment at all.

ployed at all.

I challenged irim to produce the evidence for this, and by the end of last month Mr Sproat had sent me 765 letters making various accusations about alleged swindlers

and scroungers.

However, many of these were of a generalized or unspecific nature, and since Mr Sproat had obliand since our sprear had oun-terated the names and addresses of the writers of all the letters it was only possible to follow up 295 of the letters which made allegations against 485 named individuals. All these cases were referred to our local offices for detailed investiga-

gion.

By the end of January, 196 of these investigations had been completed. In 24 there was no trace of the person named ever having been a claimant. In another 135 no rea-son to suspect-frand was found. A further 20 were inconclusive and

could not be pursued.
Fraud was positively established in only 17 cases, and nine of these were already being investigated by the local office before Mr Sproat wrote, Thus out of the 196 cases so far

Thus out of the 196 cases so far investigated only eight new cases of fraud have come to light. To identify these has required the diversion of some 200 man-days of effort by our specialist fraud investigators; in the normal course we would expect this amount of effort, directed at cases where there was suspicion of fraud, to yield a return some 10 times higher in terms of cases of fraud uncovered.

vered.

This is a measure of the small value of the evidence Mr Sproat has provided.

I have made it clear that we are

always ready to investigate evidence of fraud; and we shall continue to look into the remaining cases sent to me by Mr Sproat where identified claimants have been named. But we cannot follow up allegations which lack specific dentile.

lavestigation of cases so far has disclosed no possible justification for his sweeping assertions about the prevalence of fraud, and I condemn such assertions unreservedly for the harm they do to the interests of genuine claimants.

EEC direct elections pledge renewed

House of Lords

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Britain, like other member states
of the European Community, was
committed to the target date of
May/June, 1978, for direct elections to the European Parliament
and would do its best to meet that
target, Lord Goronwy-Roberts,
Minister of State, Foreign and
Commonwealth Office, said when
opening a debate on the EEC.
The Government intended to introduce a Bill in good time. Direct
elections would play an important
part in making the Community a
more democratic organism, and

between the national and contents interests of member states and between different institutions of the Community which particularly embodied and represented those

reservations.

When we criticize (he said) the way in which the Community is moving and make much of the inevitable tensions and disagreements that erise in this revolutionary move forward in terms of international cooperation, let us remember the priceless boon of at remember the priceless boon of at last resolving the age-old hostili-ties that bedevilled the politics of Europe for two, three, and more centuries in the past.

sidency we must give priority to economic recovery and particularly to tackling the evil of unemploy-

Denmark and Ireland had managed to do so. The Government had not taken this decision for short-term party political gains.

Lord Bamks (L) said there was reluctance by the Government to talk about the future shape of the Community. For him the future

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) said that by January 1, 1978, Britain was required to have a further upward adjustment of food prices. Unless they were careful an extra 4 or 5 per cent would be added to the inflationary spiral they were desperately trying to reduce. They should concentrate a little more on practicality and a little less on distant horizons. Lord Gladwyn (L) said the only way to get legislation through on direct elections was to adopt some form of proportional represenform of proportional rep

tation.

The debate concluded.

Attacks on high off-peak electricity tariffs

Because off-peak electricity tariffs were so high thousands of night storage heaters had been got rid of by disappointed consumers. Lord Ferrier (C) said when opening a debate on the subject.

night storage heaters must be resti-

mulated.

Lord Winstanley (L) said evidence was accumulating that it had become uneconomic for the consumer to use night storage heaters, in spite of the differential rate, because of the running costs. That indicated a possible need for research into improved design and generation. method of operation.

gains from capital expenditure in storage heaters and cost advan-

tages were steadily being eroded by increased charges. It would encourage people to revert to load-ing peak times with non-storage equipment, because they did not feel they were getting a square

against off-peak users nor was it their intention to do so in future. Off-peak rates would continue to be very much lower than ordinary

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons (Ebbw Vale, Lab), in announcing the business for next week said there would be consideration on Tuesday of a timetable motion (guillotine) on the Scotland and Wales Bill. (Conservative protests and Labour

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—This is the most discredible disgraceful-(Labour laughter)—use of the guillotine we have yet seen in this Honse. (Renewed laughter.)

The Rill raises constitutional matters which have not been discussed in this House for 50 years. This Bill is really three Bills—the Scotland Bill, the Wales Bill and the referendum Bill—and he is attempting, in one guillotine, to suppress discussion of matters of supreme importance to everyone in the United Kingdom, (Couservative cheers.)

Does he not agree he will be thoroughly debasing the standard and standard of Parliament when he goes to the people of Sc tland and Wales to consult them on a referendum after having prevented their elected representatives from discussing many questions in the Bill? (Conservative cheers and Labour protests.)

Will he not reconsider this motion, bearing in mind also that one third of the discussion time has so far been taken up by members of the official Opposition and therefore he is gagging his own people as much as MPS anywhere the in the House 2 (Labour where else in the House? (Labour

Mr Foot—I detected a note of criticism in some of her remarks. (Labour laughter.) Under our nor-mal procedures the best time to discuse this would be next Tues-

Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C)—Will the debate on Tuesday last the full day until 10 pm or will Mr Foot curtail that as Mr Foot-The debate will last for three hours, as it has done on normal occasions,

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—In the event of the Government not actually getting its guillotine motion—(Conservative cheers)—would he and the Government consider that the best way to deal with this situation would be for the House then to devide the so for the House then to decide to 20

for the House then to decide the gardy for about three weeks and have the referendum and allow the people to take the decision on the matter—not a final decision; I accept the Government's view on that—and then to come back to the Neurola. If the people then want it, it is quite clear that the passage of the Bill will be much smoother than up

refusal to

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intervene in

The Prime Minister declined, in reply to a question from Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, to entervene personally in the dispute over police pay.

in the dispute over police pay.

Mrs. Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C) asked: Why in his view was it that when we had the pay dispute over the seamen's claim, it was able to be resolved generously and satisfactorily within the pay policy, but the Government seem totally unable to respond in the same way to the police claim?

This is giving rise to considerable concern and all parties hope that the Government will be able to respond and solve it generously within the pay policy. (Conserva-

within the pay policy. (Conserva-

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—If it is possible to solve the policemen's pay claim within the pay policy, Mrs Thatcher need have no doubt that that will be done.

The two cases of the police and the search are not I producted.

Home Secretary Is doing what he can to try to get a settlement of this matter.

I have always taken the view that

the police service should get the best possible conditions. But we

cannot break the pay code—that has been generally accepted—even in the most deserving cases.

If we can find something within the limits of the pay code I agree with Mrs Thatcher that that is what we should do.

but to discuss them on Tuesday. We have consulted the people of Wales and Scotland on the introduction of this measure, and I hope all MPs will take that into

ond (Orkney and Shetland, L)—Would be consider an amendment under the standing orders to allow a longer debate. than three hours because it has an unusual feature in that after this Bill has been committed an important constitutional point was raised, the referendum, and we have yet to see the Government's precise proposals for it.

Mr Foot-The Government have be full time to discuss all these questions. In the debates we have had over the past two days, the Government's proposals and the main proposed principle about the referendum was accepted by a large majority.

Mr Leopold Abse (Poutypool, Lab)—May I suggest he recon-siders the guillotine? "No one can say he has the full

consent of Parliament and at the same time produce a guillotine. No one can say that unless he emascu-lates the English language just as the Government propose 15 emas-culate the Eritish constitution.'
Those are the words of Mr Poot in Opposition when the Europass Communities Bik was before the Has he no explanation to make to the House for this appailing

volte face ? Mr Foot—I will be happy to debate with him and any other MPs both what I said at the time of the Common Market discussions and other matters, but the appropriate time to do it is next Tuesday.

Mr George Reid (Stirlingshire East, and Clackmannan, Scot Nat)—Will Mr Foot accept the congratulations of the Scottish National Party? (Conservative and some Labour laughter.) John Mendelson (Penistone.)—See where your friends are DOW ?

Mr Maurice Macmillan (Faraham. C)-Many MPs in all parts of the C)—Many MPs in all parts of the House would, particularly after his announcement, feel that he should have included in next week's businave inclined in next week's business a debate on a motion which has been tabled on the "nling by the Chairman of Ways and Means (Mr Oscar Murton, Poole, C) by me and a wide range of other MPs covering a wide political spectrum.

[The motion reads: " That in the opinion of this House, the ruling sizes by the Chairman of Ways

opinion or his House, the ruling given by the Chairman of Ways and Means on February 10 in selecting for debate in committee of the whole House on the Scot-land Wales Bill the procedure

ment 679 (both on the referen-dum), all in the name of the Leader of the House, ought not to be cited or drawn into presedent on any future occasion Can ne give some idea of when it will be debated and will be accept as evidence the first six names for the case that he should reconsider altering the rules of the House and give more time to debate the guillotine motion?

[The first six signatories of the motion are: Mr Micmilian. Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, Mr Enoch Powell (UUUC). Mr Reginald Prentice (Lab), Miss Harvie Anderson (C) and Mr John Mendelson (Lab).]

Mr Foot—I do not think it affects the guillotine motion. I entirely agree that the matter Mr Macmillan has raised in his motion should and must be discussed in the House. It should be done at a fairly early date. I cannot say that we should do it next week, but I promise that we shall take it early. Mr Eric Ogden (Liverpool, West Derby, Lab)—Will Mr Foot not worry too much about differing points of view as to whose head will roll when the guillotine falls. This should be decided by votes as well be rocked.

well as voices. Mr Poot-It will be decided by

Mr Francis Pym, chief Opposition spokesman on devolution (Cambridgeshire, C)—It is entirely ithin the Government's discretion hether we have a whole day for a timetable motion. In all the circumstances, it would be appro-priate to give a whole day if Mr Foot must bring in this motion with which I passionately disagree. Will he put on the order paper all the details of the timetable he has in mind so that MPs can see precisely what the House will be faced with, clause by clause. That is necessary for the House to come to a decision on this parliament-ary monstrosity of a proposal. Mr Poot-Mr Pym is returning to

some of the questions for the debate. He refers to what we are bringing as a monstrosity. That is a question for debate and he will not expect me to agree.

As for extending the period of debate, what we are proposing is in full accord with what happened before. That is the best way to

proceed. There will be a motion on the order paper which will go down today. It will be full enough for the House to judge what time is being made available.

The House will be in possession of all the facts to enable it to come

Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty, Lab)—Will Mr Foot reconsider his answer to Mr Heffer and not dis-miss the possibility of an imme-diate, early, referendum as a hypo-

his guillotine next Tuesday.

Mr Foot-All these questions are for debate. The proposal made by Mr Heffer and supported by Mr kinnock does not solve the skua-tion. He has been opposed to the proposel for devolution to Wales. but in every assembly in Wales where he has debated it he has lost, and he may lose again.

Mr Dougias Henderson (East Aberdeepshire, Scot Nat)-In the event of the guillerine motion failing, will the Government consider this as an Issue of confidence and resign, so that the Scottish people can pass judgment on them? Mr Foot-None of these ourra-geous hypotheses is to be discussed now. (Laughter.)

Mr Eric Moonman Linb)—Is he satisfied he is protec-ting the interests of the back-benchers when he introduces this guillotine with a relatively short amount of time for it? Mr Foot-What we have proposed

is proper. We are giving an oppor-main for the House to decide on our proposals as to how we should proceed with the Bill. Sir David Renton (Hundingdon shire. C)—On the time for the timetable motion, would be bear in

timetable motion, would be bear in mind the exceptional importance of it—it has tremendous implications—and the conflicting views about it on both sides of the House, and the need for adequate time to be given during the debate for considering the alternatives to this guillotine? Wr Foot-There have been many desired in the same bear hand the same been dealt with on Bills of great importance in three hours. There have been several such interable modous introduced by the Conservarice Party that have dealt with important questions. It is perfectly possible for the House to come a a reasonable decision in a debate

in three hours. Mr George Cunningham (Islington, South and Finsbury, Lab)—In a three-hour period there will not be time for more than eight or nine backbench speeches at best. What is his reason other than precedent for denying a second half of the

Mr Foot-We have important bustness to transact. (Cries of " Rub-bish".) There is a motion on textiles. We have to provide time to discuss measures, proposals and regulations that come from Brus-sels.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind (Edinburgh Mr Malcoim Ritking (Edinburgh, Pendands, C)—Why is he stub-bornly refusing demands from both sides for an extension from three hours? He is guaranteeing he will get no support for this motion from these benches.

Mr Foot-He will have plenty of time during the debate to make up his mind on the merits of the matter.

Mr Norman Buchan (West Renfrewshire, Lab)—There will be a videspread welcome throughout Scotland for the proposal to have a timetable. If we fail to get this Bill through the House and submit it to the people of Scotland, there will be only one group of people pleased, despite their support for the timetable motion, if this Bill goes into the sands—the Scottish

National Party.
On getting the timetable motion through depends the survival of the United Kingdom. Mr Foot said that Mr Buchan's amendment would be one of the first matters to be discussed on

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) -Does he consider he has become a prisoner of the procedures of the House and has no opportunity to draw on the strong reserves of generosity? There is a strong feel-ing in the House that we want longer time to debate tils decision. Mr Foot—Most people have agreed that timetable modons even on important Bills can be properly period. The standing orders of the House were altered not so many years ago to deal with the situa-

I am always prepared to whether our procedures should be altered at some sings to accommo-date any proposals. There is not a strong case for it in this instance. Mr Ronald Atdns (Preston, North, Lab)—Would be indicate before the debate whether he is to consider making any major concessions on the Liberal proposals like granting taxation to the assembly? grating taxation to the assembly?

Mr Foot—What the Government have on a number of occasions indicated is that they are prepared to consider fresh proposals about a marginal taxation, arrangement. (Cries of "Oh".) There is no question of "Ohs" or any such alarm. This has been said during the committee stage on a number of occasions.

occasions. We would certainly be prepared is difficult to find them. There 28 nothing new in that proposal.

Mr Edward Heath (Bexley, Sideup, C1—He is entitled to come to the House to ask for a timetable motion on a constitutional measure, is right in saying that standing orders allow three hours and also in saying there are many precedents for the statement he has made.

perhaps more than it is essitted to in discussing this measure. The timetable measure should give full

sion of the Bill—but the important question of period.

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Mr Foot—The way in w matters are dealt with them orderly depends happens in the business The best way of orga the business committee. I will look at the malight of the representate but it is not so easy to the pledges to all different of the House. Mr Timothy Raison (Ay said a new factor in the was the arrival on the se minority parties. By the

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were failing. There was a danger that the morale of teachers would be lowered if all they beard was criticism.

children.
Mr Alan Beith, (Berwick upon Tweed, L) said the priority in achieving standards in education must go on providing good teachers and a good ratio between teachers and children. Education could never have the needs of industry as its sole purpose.

Mr Media Education (Sheffeld

Mr Martin Flaunery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab) said it was umsense to talk about increasing standards of education when there

the employers' association in Coventry had material showing how concerned employers were at the capacity of apprentices to express themselves in writing and to do simple arithmetical calculations. So MPs had to beware of figures which seemed to show that things were improving.

Mr Rhodes Soyson, an Opposition spokesman on education (Bront, North, C) said Conservatives were conceived with literacy and numeracy and with teacher training and teacher intake. Contracts would have to be considered for head teachers and teachers as well, instead of a lifetime tenure in the

encouragement for more to be built. Miss Margaret Jackson, Under for Education and

Science (Lincoln, Lab), said they were giving high priority to collecting more evidence of what was happening in schools so that they could see where the problem areas were and how best they could be

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Parliamentary me House of Commons Today at 11.00: Housing Persons Bill, Read Triolic (Amendment) Bill, and members Bill,

more democratic organism, and countering the trend to excessive The way the Community lived and worked was continually affected by the constant interplay between the national and collective

interests.

This being so (he went on) the future political development of Europe is a minefield for the

Many approached Britain's membership of the Community with some reservations on the economic side. But the political arguments for welding the nations of Europe together were historic arguments over which there should be no such reservations.

If the future looks at times somewhat gloomy our hopes are clear and so are our intentions, In the short term and under our pre-

ment.

In the longer perspective we must build on what has already been achieved in the way of European cooperation and integration, always seeking to reconcile what is desirable with what is acceptable and postble.

and possible.

Lady Tweedsmuir of Belbelvie (C) Lady Tweedsmir of Belhelvie (C) said Britain should be sure that they were not holding up their partners in the Community through publishing their direct elections Bill too late for the Boundary Commission to do its work in time to meet the target date. Disillusionment among the partners would be profound and Britain's influence in other spheres of the Community would wane.

of the Community would wane.

Lidy Elles (C), for the Opposition, said it was a great admission of defeat and lack of political will for the Covernment to referse the Government to refuse to devalue the green pound when Denmark and Ireland had managed

Community. For him the future light was the vision, however dis-tant, of European political and economic union, Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab)

People felt they had been couned over this form of space heating. There must be a reduction in the night storage rate. Confidence in electricity as an aid to the way of life must be restored. The use of

Lady Hornsby-Smith (C) said that

feel they were getting a square deal.
Lady Phillips (Lab) said the confidence of consumers had been shaken.
Lord Strabolgi, Captain, Yeomen of the Guard, said the boards expected consumers to save up to 10 per cent of their annual bill by transferring to the optional white meter tariff.

The boards did not discriminate against off-peak mere nor was if

They would be kept as low as possible consistent with covering the cost of supplying the electricity to the consumers concerned. House adjourned, 8.8 pm.

what we should do.

Mrs Thatcher—No one in my party
has ever sought a breaking of the
Government's pay code. (Labour
interruptions.) When we had the
National Union of Seamen's dispute I said so.

As he does not hesitate to take
over responsibility from other
departments, would he intervene
personally in this? After all, he
has special knowledge of the police
claim and it is one which is important for the future safety of the
citizens of this country.

Mr Callagham—I have not taken

EEC food price rises

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what was his estimate of the effects on the retail prices of butter, cheese, beef, pork, bacon and eggs, respectively, of the remaining transitional steps, as acteed by the Government, from 1970 to 1974, as part of the Treaty of Accession to the EEC.

Mr Callaghan—I have not taken over responsibility from other ministers, even though she insists

Mr John Silkin (Lewisham, Dept-ford, Lab)—Retail food prices depend on many factors, including the extent to which market prices are influenced by institutional prices and the costs of processing and distribution.

The effects of transitional steps cannot therefore be accurately predicted. I can however, indicate the equivalent in retail price terms of the remaining two transitional changes in the CAP institutional Drices. These are: butter, plus 12p a

pound; cheese plus 5p; beef, plus 4p; pork and becon, plus 1p or 2p a pound; eggs, plus 1p to 2p a dozen.

The figures assume present level of CAP prices and an unchanged green pound. Torts Bill The Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill passed its report stage.

Police pay: | Measures to help South West region

Mr Robert Hicks (Bodmin, C), opening for the Opposition a debate on unemployment in the South-west, said the South-west development area had an unemployment figure of 11.8 per cent, the highest for any United Kingdom development area.

The Government were mistaken in allocating the country's scarce

in allocating the country's scarce resources of such a large scale to the inner cities. Just because there were fewer socialist MPs repremean that the needs of those con-stituencies should be ignored. and thus the providers of employ-ment, but initiative was being sti-fled and profitability kept to a

Unless the trend was quickly reversed, adequate investment would not be forthcoming and reversed. future employment prospects would be dampened rather than The two cases of the police and the seamen are not, I understand from my cursory examination, altogether on all fours. (Conservative cries of "Why cursory?") Because I am not the responsible minister. The Home Secretary is the responsible minister.

They are not altogether comparable as I understand it, but the Home Secretary is doing what he

would be dampened rather than made better.

Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment (Barrow-in-Furness, Lab) said that in the South-west nearly 22,000 people had been unemployed for more than a year. This was a tragic waste of human potential. The complexity of the problem was such that there were no blanket such that there were no blanket solutions. solutions.

Many people seemed to regard the South-west, because it was an area of outstanding natural beauty, as an area of a griculture and tourism. In spite of any general impressions to the contrary, the South-west was heavily dependent upon manufacturing industry for employment.

apon manufacturing industry for employment.

The Government in cooperation with the Manpower Services. Commission has introduced a wide range of special schemes designed to ameliorate the worst effects of the recession. Department of Employment measures had assisted Employment measures had assisted 19,000 people in the South-west region. They had been particularly effective in assisting young people. In the region 11,000 jobs were sustained by the temporary employment subsidy and the job creation programme was currently providing 4,500 jobs at a cost of about £4,250,000. The training opportunities scheme had been steadily and consistently expanded. Measures to stimulate training would ensure that the region had the requisite number of skilled men and women available when the no-min came.

np-nim came.

He was encouraged by the success of the accelerated project scheme in the South-west, scheme in the South-west.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)
said there was an eir of despetr
and a feeling that London did not
care. It was breeding the worst
sort of nationalism in Cornwall.

Mr David Madd (Falmouth and
Camborne, C) said the Government
should turn their regional industrial support not to helping the
bounty hunters who came in search
of grants but the traditional indus-

Mr Harold Walker, Minister of State for Employment (Doncaster, Lab) said agriculture was a major industry and productivity and net profit should recover in 1977-78 from the effects of last year's

drought.

The motion for the adjournment was rejected by 275 votes to 257—
Government majority, 18.

Next week

Business in the House of Commons MONDAY: Coal Industry Bill, second reading. Covent Garden Martet (Financial Provisions) Bill, remaining stages. THESDAY: Timetable motion on Scotland and waies Bill. Debate on EEG documents on textiles, wignesses on Liberal Party Wignesses on The Common of Severingent Debate on UUC motion on security in Northern Itsland. Debate un could musta and water Bill, Northern Ireland, THURSDAY: Scotland and water Bill, committee stage. FRIDAY: Abortion (Amendment) Bill, Robse of Lords Reform Bill, and other article members' Bills, second reading, pusinger in the House of Lords will UESDAY: Cruelty to Animals Bill. Deer Bill, and Ros Deer (Close Section) Bill, second reading, WEDNESDAY: Debate on Bulleck committee report.
THURSDAY: Torts (Interference with Goods) Bill, third reading. Patents

Encouraging signs of improved standards in state schools

Mr Norman St John-Stavas, Opposition spokesman on education (Chelmsford, C), opening 1 debate on standards in education, said the facts from which the discussion started were generally accepted. First was the anxiety and discatisfaction of many parents with the education their children were receiving. Second was the fear that was felt by representatives of employers and trade unions that young people were not being equipped with the useds of twenteth-century industrial society.

We certainly welcome (he said)

tieth-century industrial society.

We certainly welcome (he said)
the conversion of the Government
to the standards gospel which we
have been preaching for three
years. It is irritating politically to
have one's clothes stolen but educationally we are delighted.

Henvers these weeks continue However, there was the continuing vendetta being waged against the grammar schools and the obsession with the question of secondary reorganization.

secondary reorganization.

It was inconsistent with the policy of promoting high standards to destroy good schools where high standards had been achieved.

The educational system in the foreseeable future would be comprehensive. The House was united to the state that the light second. prehensive. The House was united in rejecting the 11-plus examination. The point of dispute over the organization of the secondary system was a narrower but extremely important one. Was there room within a predominantly comprehensive system for local option and for the retention of a number of selective schools?

of selective schools?

Mrs Williams had said in a television programme recently that the comprehensive system was failing the gifted child. She was recognizing that a certain number of selective schools could help to meet the problems of gifted children. This had been recognized even in the Soviet Union.

bad been recognized even in the Soviet Union.

The crux of the issue was that a selective school was not about privilege but about opportunity. Above all it was about the opportunity for the bright child with a working class background,

Conservatives stood by their pledge to repeal last year's Education Act which compelled local authorities, against their judgment, to turn comprehensive.

On priorities in standards, literacy and numeracy should come first. Mrs Williams should give first place to maths because there was a crisis here. In the primary schools there had sometimes been a virtual collapse of maths teaching. The key was better reachers.

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Two out of five primary school teachers had no "O" level mathematics. In order to teach mathematics there should be a requirement for qualification up to "O" level and for secondary school teachers it should be up to "A" level. level.

Those teaching in schools should be helped by in-service training. He hoped the Secretary of State would consider the problem of contracts for teachers, and whether the time had not now come for teachers to be on fixed contracts, not only teachers in the schools but head teachers as well. He begged the Secretary of State not to make the same mistake over sixth-form colleges as were made not to make me same matake over sixth-form colleges as were made over comprehensive education. She should not uncritically accept a form of organization which might well have something to be said for it but also had something to be said spainer it.

it but also fad something to be said against it.

Just as they wanted a variety of schools they wanted a variety of sixth-form provision. It was too early to say the only form of sixth-form organization should be a sixth-form college.

The time was overdue for a decision on the ill-thought-out proposals put forward by the Schools Council for a common examination. It was high time these pro-

possis which had been heavily crit-icized throughout the educational world were dropped.

What they wished to develop was education for life in Britain in the second half of the twentieth century, a Britain struggling to vive in an ever more competitive world and to sell the products of industry without which all their ideals for society would become a chimera and compassion would become a mere sentiment which they would not be able to transfer

to instil a sense of personal and social responsibility in youngsters. In one sense education was not a political subject at all, but in another sense it was right at the centre of the political stage, infi-nitely more important than eco-nomics which tended to dominate debates. Long after those debates had been consigned to the bound volumes of Honsord, the decisions

they took in the educational sphere would still be alive and before them.
Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of
State for Education and Science
(Hertford and Stevenage, Lab) said that deeply imbedded in Bri-min's traditional education system. notably in the universities and the so-called great independent and grammar schools, was a strong hierarchical view that to become a professional or academic person was in some sense a much finer calling than to work in industry in any capacity. The whole House recognized that it was in part that tradition, which so clearly downgraded industrial and craft achieve-

graded industrial and craft achievements. which was one of the greatest difficulties that Britain had to cope with in education.

It was important, in relation to standards in education, to lay before the House and the country the evidence that the Government had, which was as much evidence, if not more than, anybody else in the country had. That evidence was that standards had improved, not as much se they would have

as much as they would have wished, but they had improved over the past 10 years. The evidence pointed to a more The evidence pointed to a more rapid upward turn of standards after the present system settled down and the rapid expansion of school population over the past decade had settled. The broad position was one of encouragement with some areas of concern which

position was one of encouragement with some areas of concern, which she had no intention of disgnisting. All knew the tragedy of a substantial number of adult illiterates in society, many of whom had been educated by methods now advocated in some quarters.

There is no evidence in any useional or local tests to give support to the assertion that standards of reading were generally lower.

There had until recently been a high rate of turnover of teachers; demands of organization had taken demands of organization had taken up teachers' time; the profusion of methods and approaches to teach-ing had, to some extent, been con-fusing to teachers passing through

Less sophisticated critics were unlikely to mention the extent to which population movement to the control of t mer estates and new towns had much more to do with what was happening in education than had general remarks about educational standards. The number of children leaving school with "A" levels had gone up from 14 per cent to 15 per cent of the school population; and those taking five or more "O" levels at the higher grades had gone up from 8 per cent to 9 per cent of the total age group in 10 years. This gave no evidence of falling stand-ards.

There had been a dramatic im-There had been a dramatic improvement in the number of children getting higher grades of CSE or the middle grades of "O" level, from 14 per cent in 1964-65 to 25 per cent in 1974-75.

There was evidence of a slight improvement in "A" level and "O" level pass standards, and a dramatic increase in average grades in terms of examination possing, with the overall result that four out of five children were asking some sort of public qualifi-

taking some sort of public qualifi-cation, whereas 10 years ago only one in two managed to achieve it. The overall national figures for the wastage rate of teachers indithe wastage rate of teachers indi-cated there was an opportunity for a substantial further improvement in standards in the next few years. The wastage rate had fallen from 10.5 per cont nationally in 1968 to 6.5 per cent last year. That meant that there was a more stable teach-ing force. ing force.

She was worried about the citua-tion in modern languages. More and more schools were offering only French, and many youngsters did not appreciate how great were the opportunities, especially in in-dustry and commerce, from learn-ing some of the less popular lan-

guages. In mathematics the posttion was a good deal better and the evidence of an apsurge in interest in collecting science qualifications was one of the more encouraging aspects of education.
She shared the Schools Council objective of getting a common sys-tem of examination. The education system had been struggling with multiple examinations in further

education and the school sector for too long. It was her inescapable responsibility to find out whether a common system was feasible. She did not yet know whether it was. It would be better to have a common system. She would determine her system. She would determine her position in the light of the studies being undertaken. The last thing she wanted was a Schools Council which was a sort of poodle of her department. That would be no way to go forward. It was not unreasonable to suggest that the Schools Council ought to have a wider range of lay people. It was not unreasonable to suggest that there ought to be wider dis-

cussion between her department and the Schools Council about some of the priorities over work. She had no desire to change the Schools Council into a rubber stamp for future ministers and officials at the department.

A great deal of the exaggerated claim about failing standards in education would not stand up to the evidence. While standards had generally improved, no one could

rest until there was the highest possible standard that could be achieved for all children Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) said that there was little sound evidence to show that standards across the country

Mr Giles Radice (Chester-le-Street. Lab) said the establishment of comprehensive secondary educa-tion had made it possible to con-centrate as never before on the essential question of how to achieve equality of opportunity for all by raising the standards of all children.

were roung people unemployed who should be teaching in the classrooms, and when a great deal more money should be spent on education. Mr Keith Hampson (Ripon, C) said

Mr Caerwyn Roderick (Brecon and Radnor, Lab) said what was needed more than a common examination was a common certificate which would be an assessment of a child leaving school.

There needed to be an assess ment of what was being done by the 70 sixth-form colleges in exis-tence before there was any more

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Rhineland

Any man reckless enough to

Any man reckless enough to wear a tie in the Rhineland today runs the risk of having it cut off below the knot by a tipsy virago armed with scissors. This curious custom is just one of the many strange, manifestations of the German.

carnival tradition.

The five-day celebration until, Shrove Tuesday marks the rich, of the carnival season, which, officially began at 11.11 am in

November 11. It is the bigactian party of the year in the Roman. Cetholic half of West Germany.

Today is Weiberfastnacht—
wives' fasting eve or, inactive rately translated but accurate interest party fast wives' night. It is

spirit, fast wives' night. It is the day on which the women' dominate the festivities.

This festival was invented by the washerwomen of Beuel on"

the Rhine opposite Bonn mare;

than a century ago.

These muscular ladies objected to the fact that the miner

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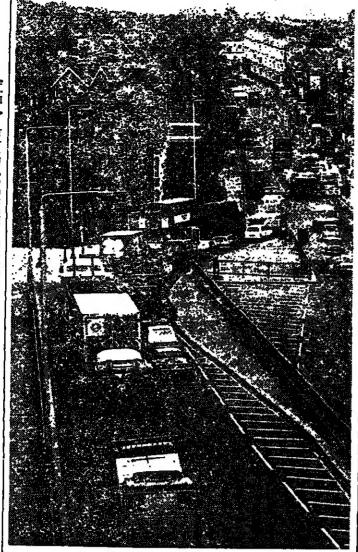
tique could also be samples of growths accurate diagnosis ncer turned out to d. Dr Williams said. noscope could save rd of patients with wths from major

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ms said that at his new £200,000 unit financed from renight not be availan extra nurse to



Road inquiry announced : Traffic in Archway Road, north London yesterday, the proposed widening of which is to be the subject of a new inquiry, starting on April 19 (our Planning Reporter

After an announcement by the departments of the environment After an announcement by the departments of the environment and transport yesterday objectors immediately sent a telegram to Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport. They said that in the light of the Greater London Council's opposition and the Government's decision, announced on Monday, not to improve the A1 between Archway Road and the North Circular Road, the proceedings would be a farce and a waste of money. The previous inquiry last September was adjourned after repeated disruptions by protesters, when the inspector, Mr James Vernon, became ill. Yesterday's announcement said those proceedings would be abandoned and disregarded. A new inspector, Mr R. L. Rolph, had been appointed.

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: Federation, which 120,000 police ingland and Wales, n emergency meetrecutive committee iday to discuss the etary's refusal to -week demand. or members of the were meeting at arters in Surbiton, night, representa-

members of the Police Superintendents' Association were meeting officials at the Home Office.

The association said later: "We have told the Home Office that we wish this dispute the federation to with the federation to be settled as quickly as possible. We also want to put in a pay claim, but until the men on the bear have resolved their problems we cannot ask for

New car from

Modifications to the 5.4 little alloy engine have produced a

In brief

IRA prisoner is attacked

Martin O'Connell, one of the four IRA men sentenced to life imprisonment last week for his part in six murders and other offences, was attacked by another prisoner in Walton prison, Liverpool, on Saturday. prison, Liverpool, on Saturday.

The Home Office, which did
not name Martin O'Connell,
said: "When the prisoners were
coming in after exercise a
prisoner hit another prisoner in
the face once. The prisoner who
was assaulted and the prison
officers were unable to identify
the attacker."

Immigration rose by 6 pc

An increase of just over 6 per cent in the number of immigrants to Britain in the third quarter of last year, com-pared with the similar period of 1975, was reported by the Home Office yesterday. The sharpest increase, of more than a fifth, was in the number of foreign non-EEC nationals. Between July and September, 3,384 (2,790 in 1975) were sellowed to settle on extends. allowed to settle on arrival. The number of United Kingdom passport holders admitted was 2,969 (3,396) and 5,963 (5,409) other Commonwealth citizens were allowed entry.

Gliding mishaps carelessness'

Injuries and deaths in the sport of hang-gliding are generally the result of careless-ness, Mr Martin Hunt, chairman of the British Hang Gliding

Association, said yesterday. He told a symposium on the sport at the Royal Aeronautical Club, London: "It is a sport loaded with potential hazards, very few of which are likely to cause serious harm, provided they are approached sensibly and bandled carefully.

Anemometer to control by-pass

An anemometer, which measures the force of wind, will command the use of an £8.4m The European Commission has approved a proposal to open negotiations with the Maltese Government, aimed at eliminating remaining trade barriers and establishing a full customs union between Malta and the Community. The proposal will be the proposal to the pro by-pass to be opened at Dover today. A section of the sevenmile bypass is on a viaduct that climbs from sea level to the top of the cliffs. posal will now be put before the Council of Ministers.

When the wind gets too strong the anemometer will set off an alarm and that section will be closed to all traffic.

Sisters found gassed

Two elderly sisters, Rosanne and Agnes Boyd, were found gassed in their council house in Howgate Road, Hamilton, Strathclyde, yesterday. Police said there were no suspicious circumstances. Gas board officials are investigating.

WEST EUROPE ...

Rome's leftist students shout down Fast wives Communist trade union leader

Rome, Feb 17

The Communists' attempt to The Communists' attempt to reimpose order in the chaotic university life in Rome took a violent setback today when students of the extreme left refused to give a hearing to Signor Luciano Lana, aleading Communist trade unionist. He was already hanging in effigy by the neck by the time he arrived at the university he arrived at the university

By midday some 50 young people had been burt in fighting between Communists and members of the various extreme left-wing groups occupying the university. Insults were exchanged. The Communists shouted: "Assassins", and "Fascists" at the extreme: left, who replied, shouting:
"Servants" and "Fools" and
making ironic gestures referring to the fact that the official communists were demonstrating with protective ranks of riot police in full equipment behind them. One commented: "They are

using the methods of Prague-provocation and then intervention by the armed forces." extreme left believes that the Communists have betrayed the cause by becoming a party of government. Some of these groups refuse to accept parties at all and feel most passionately against a Communist Party sharing power with the governing Christian Democrats through supporting them in Parliament even if the Communists are not officially members of the

Community plan

From Our Own Correspondent

The negotiations would be

conducted under the terms of

the association agreement which Malta signed with the

With the exception of refined

petroleum products, all Maltese

industrial goods now enter the

Community duty-free, though

four sensitive categories of textiles remain subject to

for customs

Brussels, Feb 17

EEC in April.

Government.

The Communists, for their part, have regarded themselves as supporters of discipline and order ever since the great student riots of 1968 caught them secondary schools.

Signor Lama tries to make himself heard

unprepared. No one talks with unprepared. No one talks with greater insistance than Signor Berlinguer, the Communist leader, of the need to study seriously, to accept sacrifices in order to gain an education, to maintain a disciplined student life, and to be morally worthy.

worthy.
Nothing could be farther from the moralism of the Communists than events in a number of universities includ-ing Rome in the past few days. Yesterday there were demon-strations against proposed governmental reforms. To this many of the left-wing students (on this at least the whole left is agreed) added another pro-test against the presence of young fascists in the univer-

Studies had come to a halt. The universities of Palermo, Rome, Naples, Milan, Padua. Turin and Cagliari were occupied by the students. They were joined by many pupils of

The European Community today took a significant step

towards ensuring unimpeded and steady supplies of uranium for its power stations. These have been threatened by the growing clamour, particularly in North America, for tighter safeguards on overseas sales of

safeguards on overseas sales of

After nearly two years of tortuous negociations with EEC

member states, the European

Commission has notified the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna that all the safeguard and verification procedures required under

the 1970 non-proliferation treaty have now been imple-

This means in effect that

tented by the Community.

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From David Cross

nuclear materials.

Brussels, Feb 17

EEC move to ensure its

Some of the extreme left-wing groups; extended their protests to include the Com-munist Party and the trade

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The situation within the universities was in no way improved by the speech yesterday in the Senate by Signor Franco
Malfatti, the Minister of Education, who appeared impervious to the thought that his reform, which many students do not like, follows nine years of promises not kept. This is the real problem in the univer-

And so it was a gamble when the Communists decided hat Signor Lama should go to Rome University today and speak from the steps of the rector's offices about teachers' salaries and the problems of univesity students and grad uates seeking work.

Signor Lama, a Communist dominantly left-wing union federation, but he regards the trade union movement as autonomous from the politi-

He could be expected to run less risk than a straightforward Communist politician. He can also be an attractive speaker. But today he was given no chance to show his oratorical

Interruptions began early in the speech, most of them of a good-natured kind. Some of the students shouted slogans which were the opposite of Signor Lama's known policies, such as: "We want move money not jobs". But the tone soon jobs". But the tone soon changed, Fighting began be-tween Communists and the extreme left. Stones were

eight of the Community's nine

member states are now applying IAEA safeguards and

allowing inspectors from vienna on to their territories to carry out verification procedures. France, which has refused on the spot checks, remains the odd man out.

Nevertheless, there is con-

siderable optimism in Brussels

that France will shortly change

its mind and enter into a tri-

lateral agreement with the IAEA and Euratom, the Community's nuclear wing.

similar to the one concluded by Britain last September. The voluntary agreement signed with Britain which, like France, is a military nuclear power, allows the IAEA to ins-pect non-military nuclear installations.

pect non-installations.

ing a tie on the street is fair A kiss may also be demanded from the victims, who tend to complain that the enthusian thrown and one student sprayed the crowd with foam from a fire extinguisher.

of the perpetrators varies in ... inverse proportion to their. beauty. The Another of today's customs brings local government to a halt. At 11.11 am crowds of women "storm" the town hells:

overwhelming the token resistorce of the major, and cutting"off his tie.
Paralysis also struck the Federal Government in Bonn.... There was dancing in the Chan-n cellery and it was impossible ra to get any sense out of ministry switchboards.

The man owning the bookshop near the Federal Parlis-" ment turned up dressed as a washerwoman, with heavy make-up and on impossibly exaggerated bosom.

Transvestism is a strong ele-Among the crowds there are respectable fathers of families who have raided their wives. wardrobes. Some women return the compliment by turning out in male attire.
In the evening there are

fancy-dress dances at which the women have the exclusive right ? to issue invitations to the dance"

The carnival tradition here goes back to the Middle Ages and probably beyond.

roblems we cannot ask for claimed too speed of 170 mph and acceleration from rest to Parliamentary report, page 6 | 60 mph in 5.3 seconds.

Aston Martin

A new sports car with exceptionally fast acceleration is announced today by Aston Martin. It is called the Vantage, and is a development of the com-pany's two-door V8 model, which remains in production (our Motoring Correspondent

call for standing commission to supervise the media

Mr Moss Evans, mizer of the Trans-General Workers' yesterday at a conade unions and the nized by the TUC. doubt that repetition n by the media can affect the views not general public, but union membership. inions which is danselective presentation its can be more mis-any biased opimon.

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ing is the text of a ments: 1, the ownership and conmens: 1, me ownersing and con-trol of newspapers and television networks; 2, establishing a means of monitoring the output of the media to establish balance, or lack of balance; 3, devising a practicable code of objectivity, balance, fairness and accuracy, to

balance, fairness and accuracy, to govern presentation of news and opinion, and 4, a means of policing and enforcing any such publicly agreed criteria. The ability to regularly convey news and views on a mass scale carries with it great power to shape and direct public opinions. That much will scarcely be disputed by any interested party. Therefore the media possess great powers, potentially very dangerous to the community at large, and particularly dangerous to the interests of any class, section or group who do not have effective control over any section of the control over any section of the One standpoint, therefore, is clear.

One standpoint, therefore, is clear. The public are entitled to protection from abuse of this power to influence it. Those who possess these powers must be required to exercise them within the terms of an "operator's licence". The qualification for holding such a licence must be the acceptance and practice of clearly defined standards of responsibility and accountability. TUC policy has already defined the instruments necessary to the attainment of these ends.

these ends.

A standing commission for the media is required to fulfil the following functions, through appropriate committees and other bodies:

appropriate committees and other bodies:

a) A continuous check on the ownership and control of all newspapers, magazines, radio and television networks, to prevent any further concentration, to publicize all interlocking interests, and actively to promote dispersion of ownership and control. The necessary committee would be responsible for advising government on any subsidy seen to be required to preserve a viable and free press, and for contonuously reviewing the economic situation in the industry.
b) To give large and representative groups in society, such as the



Mr Evans: "Fight for a free

trade union movement, the posttrate union movement, the pos-tive opportunity to enter the national newspaper publishing field, through a National Fress Finance Corporation. This NPFC would receive all advertising revenues, and deduct a levy be-fore passing such revenues on to recipients.

fore passing such revenues on to recipients.
Such a system would minimize the opportunity for large advertisers to dictate editorial policy in any section of the media, and would provide the means for the NPFC to buy printing plant, which could be leased to representative interest groups with the capacity to sustain a major publishing venture. This corporation would be empowered to control the proportion of advertising to editorial material in all sections of the media.

c) To maintain a continuous monitoring of all material issued through all aspects of the media, in order to have the means to check, and verify or disprove, in a detailed fashion, any complaint of lack of balance, distortion, inspired or prime are vasion of privacy etc. d) A capacity to ensure the full

immediate and public investigation of all such complaints, and the full, immediate action necessary to correct any misleading information or to redress any lack of balance. e) A responsibility, exercised through a committee of employers and trade union representatives from within the industry, to pur-see good industrial relations in the industry, through full recognition of trade union rights at all levels. and the active encouragement of industrial democracy in the

industry.

The commission envisaged would be thoroughly representative of all major sections in the community, through public appointment following consultation with unions and employers in the industry, and would, of course, be responsible to the appropriate minister. Panels of advisers from the appropriate unions and employers' bodies should work with the commission.

commission.

I believe, that to protect our essential interests, the trade union movement requires its own continuous monitoring service covering all the media to keep under scrutiny, treatment of all our activities, and those aspects of domestic and international news relating to our activities.

We must fight for a free press news relating to our activities.

We must fight for a free press in this country, and the right for all views and opinions to be expressed. But a freedom limited to a very small and powerful section of the community is no freedom, it is privilege and parronage. And we must insist upon real public control of television and radio in order to give the public freedom of expression.

We must never forget that for

freedom of expression.

We must never forget that for years the blame for all the country's economic problems has been left at our door; all this nonsense about high wages and irresponsible workers has gone virtually unchallenged in the media. Don't forget that the power that persuades people that trade unions wield irresponsible power over governments is that same power that would subvert the real power of our movement, which rests in the unity of purpose of our memthe unity of purpose of our mem-bers.

Landlords urged to make stand against officials

Private landlords in Notting-ham have been told by their solicitors to use force if neces-sary to get rid of council officials found on their property without permission or without a court order.

court order. A statement from the solicirors, issued yesterday, said legal
action would be taken in the
civil court against individual
officials of Nortingham City
Council who entered buildings
without authority without authority.
It added: "Entry has been

obtained without any form of permission from the owner or

ingly, members of the Private Landlords' Association are forthwith instructed to deny access at all times to employees from the Nottingham department of environmental health without court orders and to escort them by force, if necessary, from the property Mr Royce Young, chief envir onmental health officer, de-scribed the allegations as vicious and said they were occupier simply by opening an outer door and walking in, or

Larry Adler decree

Mrs Sally Adler, aged 38, the wife of Larry Adler, aged 63, the harmonica player, was granted a decree nisi in London esterday based on two years' separation by consent.

Literacy drive success Nearly 110,000 adults have come forward for help with reading and writing since the Adult Literacy Campaign was started in 1975, the BBC said

totally denied.

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25 Danish papers stopped by strikes

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, Feb 17

Strikes by technical staff stopped the publication today of 25 Danish newspapers representing well over half the total press circulation.

Members of printing unions were protesting against a labour court ruling yesterday which ordered the technical staff of the Berlingske publishing house to return to work immediately. The Berlingske employees

diave ignored the order. They will hold a meeting on Monday to decide whether to resume

. Union officials attack the labour court as an extension of the powers of employers, and want to eliminate it as the Tinal authority in labour dis-

Printing unions are fighting cessions gained in the past which have been dropped by Berlingske because the company faces a serious loss this year. Berlingske also intends to introduce new technology and work schedules to simplify production and reduce printing staff by about 300 of the pre-

The conflict at Berlingske has hindered publication of its two main newspapers, Berlingske Tidende and B.T. since January 30. The national news-papers, Politiken and the mass circulation Ekstra Bladet, as well as the leading provincial newspapers, did not appear

today.

The labour court is a rudi-"The labour court is a rudiment from the past, an instrument of ruling class oppression
of those without possessions",
Mr Louis Andersen, the leader
of the Copenhagen typographers' union, said on the
Berlingske decision.
He asserted that the labour
court had accepted the arguments made on behalf of
Berlingske on every point and

Berlingske on every point and that none of the unions' counter complaints had been supported.

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Franco loyalists still unable to accept the new order

Spain's march to democracy has shattered morale of police

Madrid, Feb 17

Visitors to senior officers at the central security police headquarters in Madrid's Puerta del Sol see pictures of King Juan Carlos on the walls. But in the basement, where prisoners sleep in small cells on concrete slabs, the photographs of Franco have not been removed.

In a way, that is symbolic of what is happening in the ranks of the powerful security police and the armed forces: those who venerate the Generalissimo and the authoritarian sys-tem he stood for, are going underground.

Not even most Spaniards are ware of the extent to which police morale has been shattered by the march toward democracy, nor of the serious dissent within the armed forces.

While a military uprising seems unlikely, there is strong resistance to the Government's policies, frequently resulting in disobedience and insubordi-

Unless the Government can control the police and soothe leaders of the armed forces, Spain will be threatened with a breakdown of authority and consequent increase of vio-

a consequent increase of vio-lence.
Weeding out the many people formed by, and still loyal to, the old order is a difficult and politically dan-gerous task, as Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, first found when he and the King tried to put Lieutenant-General San-tiago y Diaz de Mendivil, the

From Michael Hornsby

The Russians today gave the EEC the names of about 40

boats which they want to see licensed for fishing within the Community's 200-mile zone, according to informed sources. The Soviet application came

fish at any one time.

This deadline passed without

will depend on the tonnage of

Soares brief put

fishing agreement.

to Danes

former Deputy Prime Minister, commander after Captain

The generals balked at the rorists. royal decree, and an embar-rassed Government and monarch, discovering that the two generals had much support among the armed forces leaders, backed down.

other occasions, Suárez Government has been more successful in neutralizing recalcitrant officers, but it has recalcitrant officers, but it has earned the Government, and particularly Lieutenant General Manuel Gutierréz Mellado, the present Deputy Prime Minister, the anger of officers who justifiably fear that his planned reform of the military perablishment will unseat them. establishment will unseat them from command posts or comfortable jobs.

When political policemen staged an illegal anti-govern-ment demonstration in Madrid late last year, the Suarez government reacted with characteristic speed and firm-

Nearly 300 policemen, including members of the security police and the paramilitary Guardia Civil, were arrested, and the three senior police generals were immediately generals were immediately transferred to distant assignments. Many of the police, after two months in prison, were suspended or dismissed, and 14 were held for court

Tempers of some naval officers are seething too over the recent arrest of Captain Camilo Menendez Vives, executive officer of the Navy War

and another conservative Menendez Vives insulted Gen-officer on the inactive reserve eral Gurierrez at the funeral of three policemen shot by ter-

There is more still to keep the fires of resentment smoul dering among military die-hards. Under Franco, the political and military authority was closely linked, to the extent that military men on active duty were encouraged to take posts such as directors of private companies or government enter-

prises. The Dictator was generous in finding jobs for his generals and admirals. If Spain is to have a new political system, therefore, it must have an entirely professional, full-time military establishment, and that is what General Gutierréz is trying to create. Thus many officers are suddenly faced with having to give up their outside jobs or risk losing their military status

and retirement pay.

Francoists in the barracks are already forming secret cells. A new royal decree penalizes the public espousal of any particular political philosophy by members of the armed

feathers of Spain's police and armed forces, the Government is giving them as much new equipment as possible, at the same time emphasizing profes-

But in an Army where the Fascist salute is still the accepted form of greeting for at least one commander, will that be enough of a substitute for political influence and

Russia seeks | La Pasionaria asks licences for passport home for 40 boats

Ibarruri, Pasionaria? of the Spanish civil war, has applied for permission to return to Spain immediately from her Moscow exile, reliable sources said

today.

They said a representative of Senora Iberruri, president of the illegal Spanish Communist Embassy in Moscow last night to make the application. Her ecretary, Irene Falcon, is also eeking to return.

in belated response to a request first submitted by the EEC on January 28. The Russians were then told that they had 10 days in which to apply for licences for 27 boats, of which no more than 17 would be allowed to Señora Ibarruri, now aged 81, came to Moscow in 1939 at the end of the civil war in any response from Moscow, and several more reminders were sent. Whether or not the EEC will be prepared to give the Russians more than 27 licences which the Republican Government was overthrown
Franco's Falangist forces.
Last week Spain and
Soviet Union established

mal diplomatic relations; upgrading the trade missions which had existed in the two the boats listed.
Yesterday the Community
and the Soviet Union opened
negotiations on a long-term

status of embassies. Señora Ibarruri has already had at least one application to return refused, but it is thought the situation may have changed, since the Communist Party has applied for legal status in Spain

status in Spain.

Señor Santiago Carrillo, the party secretary-general, who also played a prominent role during the civil war, is living openly in Spain, though he was briefly arrested in December. The return of Senora Ibar-ruri could be the signal for a

final exodus of about 2,000 Spanish exiles still in Moscow. About 20,000 came to the Soviet Union at the end of the civil war. Madrid: A Communist Party spokesman said Señora Ibar-

ruri had applied for a passport and he have no

Menten plea for release

From Our Correspondent The Hague, Feb 17

Mr Pieter Menten, aged 77, the tycoon and art collector, extradited to the Netherlands by Switzerland in December to Copenhagen, Feb 17.—Droares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, who is touring EEC minister, who is touring EEC capitals to plead the case for his country's entry into the Community, today had more than two hours of talks with M Anker Joergensen, the face war crimes charges, including the execution of more than 100 Polish Jews, is demanding his release because, he claims, he is not Dutch but stateless. Mr Menten, who lived before

is now Soviet territory, claims that he and his deceased first obtained new Dutch passports in 1937 from the Dutch Consul in Lemberg (now Lvov). These passports, he said, were bought

for a bribe.

If Mr Menten can prove that
he is not a Dutch citizen, the

M Barre says American ban on Concorde would be blow to fair competition

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Feb 17

M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, said today that any decision taken against Concorde by the United States would be regarded in Britain and France

regarded in Britain and France as a blow to fair competition.

Addressing a luncheon meeting of Anglo American Press Association, he said public opinion could never understand that a world power standing for free enterprise should adopt an artitude which appeared to be designed to preserve the United States from competition in aircraft technology and in aircraft technology and

development.

President Carter informed Mr Callaghan and President Giscard d'Estaing yesterday that while he would not interfere with the 16-month irial period allowed Concorde by the

Ford Administration, this would not prejudice his final decision whether the airliner would given permanent landing rights.
M Barre said today that it

was necessary to look at a second statement issued from the White House three hours later which had corrected the more restrictive interpretation put upon President Carter's

The ultimate decision on provisional landing rights for Con-corde in New York rests with the New York and New Jersey port authority and, according to French Government sources, the prospects for a positive de-cision are not unpromising since business circles and the trade unions are favourable to

Concorde.

M. Barre was asked about
French exports of nuclear

technology, and especially about the controversial delivery of a reprocessing plant to Pakis

In his reply he repeated that France would not promote nuclear proliferation but was ready to make a contribution to the use by developing coun-tries of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. France would not submit to dictation in the

not submit to dictation in the matter, and would honour the contract with Pakistan.

As for the export of nuclear power plant to South Africa, the Prime Minister said South Africa had no need of assistance if it wished to produce nuclear weapons. It was quite complete of doing so unsided capable of doing so unaided. There was no reason to refuse to sell power stations designed solely to produce nuclear solely to produce nenergy for peaceful ends.

for Internal Affairs: killed

The increasing confrontation in South Africa between the multi-racial churches and the Government took on further significance today with a statement by the Anglican Arch-bishop of Cape Town. So far, the renewed outbreak

of church-state hostilities has centred on the Roman Catholic Church, Last week the Roman Catholic bishops issued a declaration of commitment which, among other things, identified their full support for the individual's right to refuse to wear military uniform in a campaign which might be racially unjust and defended the Catholic Church's decision to open its private schools to children of all races.

of the Province), Archbishop of Cape Town, the Most Rev Bill Burnett, added his influen-

Lieutenant-Colonel Erenayo

Wilson Oryema: the other Kampala victim.

Amin plan to

visit London

Diplomatic Correspondent President Amin's announce-

ment that he thtends to come to

London in June for the Com-monwealth Conference and the Queen's Jubilee has dismayed

the Foreign Office, particularly in the light of yesterday's tragedy in Uganda.

The Foreign Office has always found it extremely difficult to deal with President

Amin, and in breaking off dip-

lomatic relations with Uganda.

it decided not to deal with him at all. That seemed the best

course, as soon as most of the British people living and working in Uganda had had time to pack up and leave.

Formally, the Government cannot stop the President com-

to the Commonwealth Conference were issued to all heads of

state by Sir Harold Wilson,

the last such meeting in Jamaica. There, Uganda was represented only by a diplomat, which avoided any embarrass-

It is still not clear exactly

what President Amin's inten-tions are. The present hope in

the Foreign Office is that he

will just not arrive. The risk of attempting to discourage him

low, it is feared, is that it might imply provoke the very event

is designed to forestall.

The real dilemma is the un-

evoidable involvement of the

Queen.
All the heads of government are to attend a banquet and reception at Buckingham Palace

on June 8, the opening day of the conference. Similarly, they will attend the thanksgiving service in St Paul's on Jubilee

Day, June 7.

when he was Prime Minister, at

Dismay at

By David Spanier

Today the Anglican (Church

The Archbishop spoke after

the death of an African secur-ity detainee, Matthew Mabe-lane, aged 22, who fell 10 floors to his death on Tuesday from a window at police head-quarters in Johannesburg where he was being interrogated by security police.

He said: "Imprisoning and interrogating people until they die, banning people and what they say, cannot produce a

"Many white South Africans find it increasingly intolerable that so high a price should be paid in this and other ways ny black people for the political and economic advantages that

tial voice to the growing of injuries received during in-chorus of clerical opinion that terrogation that is, at best, South Africa is on the wrong manslaughter. If they commit suicide, there must be reasons for their ending their lives in so desperate a fashion. This, also, is wholly unacceptable." It was reported here today that an investigation by senior

police officers has been ordered into the sefety of detainees at interrogation centres. A total of 19 people, most of them security suspects, have died in detention during the past year. A white Anglican priest in

the Cape Town black township society which is worth living of Nyanga was sentenced today to three months' jail for refus-ing to disclose the names of eyewitnesses to alleged police action during the township un-

The Rev David Russell told the Cape Town magistrates court he had undertaken not

nationalists not to use violence in southern Africa about the prospects of a peace

use of violence in southern Africa. Too much destruction would be damaging to the African liberation movements themselves, he said, because the

at a press conference in New York on his recent visit to southern Africa, where he met several of the African leaders. He said it was difficult for Americans to tell others what to do in pursuit of their free-dom, especially since they had waited for so long to be in-volved. But the diplomatic powers of the nationalist movements were superior to their military powers, he thought.

Churches' call to

end terror From Alan McGregor

Geneva, Feb 17 The World Council of Churches issued a statement on the death of the Anglican Arch-bishop of Uganda, the Most Rev Janani Luwum, saying that this was "one more in the series of brutal events which bave characterized a six-year reign of terror in which thousands have been summarily killed ... It called on the United

Nations Commission on Human Rights to undertake a thorough investigation into the situation in Uganda "and to take imp diste steps to prevent the killbe in imminent danger" "It is clear the situation in

Uganda can only be changed by massive international actions in support of the courageous struggle of the churches and others in Uganda to stop what appears to be a new wave of massacres."

The council appealed to African countries in particular.

Dr Phillip Potter, the council's general-secretary, recalled that this was the year of centrally and the secretary. tenial celebrations of the coming of Christianity to Ugands.
Mr Niall MacDermot, the secretary-general of the International Commission of Jurists, said: "It is the Christian churches who have been able to offer such little resistance—if that's the word to use—as there is against the terror of the Amin regime and there is reason to feel this may be the beginning of an attempt to clamp down on the press and all activities of this kind by the

Christian churches standing up for human rights within the Mr MacDermot is an obser ver at the Geneva session of the United Nations Commission

on Human Rights.

Mr Allard Lowenstein, the United States delegate, said that the commission had been reminded "of the targetter of appropriate considerat

"If prisoners die as a result to disclose the names." American UN envoy urges

Mr Andrew Young, the new American representative at the United Nations, today set out to argue the case against the less that was destroyed, the better off they would be when they had majority rule.

Mr Young was commenting

ful solution in the area, Mr Young commented that " peaceroung commented that "peaceful" was a relative term. When he had met the presidents of the from-line states in Tan-zania, they had all said that there had to be armed struggle, because nothing else would get Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, to the negotiating table. But they also recognized that there had to be diplomatic initiatives as well, and no one

was making a call to "burn Salisbury to the ground". He thought ther there had been a measure of restraint in the military actions, together with an increase in rhetoric.
Mr Young added that he was opposed to the "romanticism of violence". He thought that

this was largely a feature of people who were not themselves involved

Anglican Primate's attack adds to Chrome per dissider church-state confrontation over South African race policy om Ray Kennedy bannesburg, Feb 17
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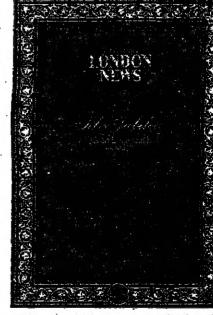
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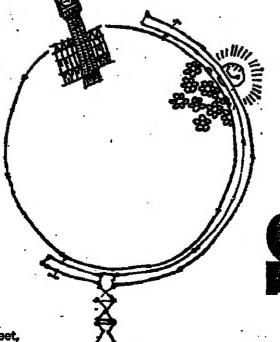
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Soviet Union is serving that constant public by the West on com-The analysts said the veho-mence of the document's language, clearly approved at the highest level, indicated that Soviet leaders felt their vital interests were being assaulted and had now decided countries over the rights issue could effecteck moves to revitalize the interpretation ior diplomatic analysts cing on the artitude ; in Moscow after the ice last weekend of a to draw a definite line.

Quoting a recent speech by Mr Brezhnev, the document said that the 1975 European security conference agreements on the overall improvement of East-West relations could only be implemented in a good political

The analysts also saw in the document a hint that the Soviet Union might be ready to sacrifice the chance of a new strategic arms limitation treaty with the United States unless the Carter Administration took a less strident line on the dissident issue.

The document, which de-nounced Soviet dissenters as "traitors" poid by the West who were seeking to bring fascism or at least the evils of capitalism to their country, suggested that the present attacks on critics of the system would continue.

Mr Bovin's article, published in the weekly current affairs journal New Times, expanded on a definition of detente given by Mr Brezhnev in his recent speech to which Soviet officials have since constantly sought to draw Western

Mr Brezhnev said détente implied willingness to solve différences at the negotiating table and presupposed "a measure of trust and readiness

communist system and dictate internal policy to Soviet block countries.

The analysts said the vehe-Several reasons have been put forward to explain the pressure against political dissidents, three of the most prominent of

have recently One explanation, favoured by the dissidents themselves, is that the authorities want to

silence protests over alleged human rights violations before this summer's European secur-ity conference in Belgrade. Another suggestion is that Soviet and East European leaders are alarmed by the surge of activity by dissidents at a time of economic problems.

This latter view, some Western analysts say, would help explain why the Kremlin was ready to put at risk a detente relationship it has championed so vociferously, by taking tough measures against dissidents and implicitly snubbing President Carter on

The analysts point out that in 1968 the Soviet Union invaded Czechosłovakia, although it realized the action would dis-rupt moves towards better East-West relations at that time. because it saw its ideological as well as its physical security endangered. Whether Moscow feels

strongly enough to stall the strategic arms limitation negotiations, due to resume when Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, comes to Moscow at the end of March, is an open question.

But Soviet attitudes and policies leave no doubt that the Kremlin is not willing to make concessions on the ideological other's legitimate interests". front simply to avoid Mr Bovin, whose article was strengthening the hand of those couched in reasoned and opposing Mr Carter's strategy measured tones, said détente of détente.—Reuter.

mlin says | Yugoslavs expel human rights campaigners

been campaigning for the re-lease of Mr Mihajlo Mihajlov, the author, and Father Sava Bankovic, an Orthodox priest, both serving long prison sen-tences for their public criticism of the regime.

The Germans, one of them a

Roman Catholic priest, repre-sented the Frankfurt-based Society for the Rights of Man. They arrived in Belgrade a week ago with a petition signed by 4,000 people in West Germany and France which they hoped to deliver to President Tito and the Yugoslav Minister of Instice.

The authorities refused to accept the petition and on Mon-day the Germans began a

This morning two policemen came to their hotel and in-formed them that they were being taken to the airport. They were put on a flight to Munich. Moscow: Mr Alexander Ginsburg, the Soviet dissident who was arrested two weeks ago, has been formally charged, but the investigators refuse to give

details of the alleged offences. Mrs Lyudmila Ginsburg learnt that charges had been laid against her son when she went o nTuesday to Kaluga, south-west of Moscow, where he is being held.

e Czechoslovaks jailed for spying

to have passed abroad informa-tion of political, economic and

military matters from 1962— until last year and distributed "Western reactionary maga-

vestern reactionary maga-zines" defaming representatives of socialist countries.

In 1964 he was said to have set up, on behalf of the Voice of America, "The Club of friends of United States music"

with himself as the only mem-ber, and thus established con-

17.-Three of socialist states. He was said tact with an employee of a

From Dessa Trevisan
Belgrade, Feb 17
Yugoslavia today deported three West Germans who have

Mr Ginsburg managed a fund set up by Mr Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the exiled author, to aid jailed dissidents.

The police said they had found Western currency in his flat during a search last month. This caused speculation that one charge could be illegal currency operations. Mr Gins-burg alleges that the police planted the money.

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist, has told Western reporters that his son-in-law has been warned to stop "spreading and Soviet slan-der". He said Mr Efrem Yankelevich was told he risked a three-year prison sentence after being questioned for two hours in the Moscow prosecu-tor's office.—Reuter and Agence

sky, the exiled Soviet dissident, has issued a High Court libel writ against Mr Vladimir Dobkin, London correspondent of the Moscow-based Novosty press and picture agency.

The writ is also against the editor and publishers of The Guardian and arises out of the printing of a letter from Mr

Mr Bukovsky's solicitor said : "The letter states that Mr Bukovsky had been convicted in Russia of a very serious offence with which he was never even charged".

He passed information on he location of military gar-

risons, equipment of airports and other facts".

months' jail for the "endangering of state secrets".—AP.

Chicago schools in race dispute face cut in funds From Our Own Correspondent

New York, Fab 17

New pressure was brought to bear on the Chicago school board today to overcome racial segregation in its schools. A federal official ordered all federal funds to the board to be cut off because of arrange-ments by which black teachers teach largely in predominantly black schools, and white teachers in predominantly white schools. He also ruled that not enough effort had been made to provide bilingual teachers for pupils who know little or

and other facts".

Milan K, aged 21, was sentenced to two and a balf years in jail for "revealing relevant facts which he learnt during his military service". Petr C. aged 30, was sentenced to 18 months' jail for the "endangering of state secrets". no English.

The Government provides about a sixth of the school board's budget. The board has 20 days to appeal against the cut-off of funds or to produce a plan for compliance with federal requirements.

Britain 'to negotiate with

Foreign Minister. He told journalists last night he and Mr Edward Row-

cussions should be at the level

Buenos Aires newspaper Clarin, reported from the Falklands that although pro-British

Our Diplomatic Correspond writes: Lord Shackleton "somewhat disturbed" what he described misrepresentation by the Foreign Office of his report on the Falkland Islands, he told The Times yesterday. In their extensive economic survey, Lord Shackleton and his team concluded that E5.4m spread over the next five years was necessary to finance a development programme for the Falklands. But in his recent speech to the Commons on the subject, Mr. Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, spoke of £13m or £14m.

Inquiry into nuclear waste

Canberra, Feb 17. — The recommendation in a report last Australian Government has year by the Australian Ionizing Radion Advisory Committee. ordered a new investigation into the possible impact on the enstudy had produced no evidence to support allegations in an Australian Broadcasting Comvironment and ecology of British nuclear waste buried at Mara-

Nixon gifts described as chicken feed compared to big business aid to Congress Party

Money weighs the election scales in Mrs Gandhi's favour

Bombay, Feb 17

The political eye of the storm has moved from Delhi to the constituencies on this the last day for nominations for the Lok Sabha elections. Mrs Gandhi travelled to her consti-tuency, Rae Bareli, to lodge her own nomination papers

today.

Before leaving the capital. she made repeated statements of her desire to see free and fair elections. But whether they will indeed be democratic, fair and free is still open to uestion.
The relaxation of the emer-

the relaxation of the emergency for the election has brought the release of many detainees, among them opposition candidates. All opposition parties, other than the three small banned groups, are free to campaign and press censorship is not being applied.

Bur the opposition claims that thousands are still in detention all over the country and that the ruling Congress Party alone possesses the In most rural constituencies each with about half a million voters, many people will not go to the polling station unless taken by car and cars cost

It is not only getting them there which is an advantage. Cars are potent vote-getters in the remoter districts where a drive can make a more persuasive appeal than a manifesto. Sussive appeal than a manifesto.

In the interview she gave me earlier this week, Mrs Gandhi claimed that her party did not have an unfair financial advantage over the opposition and she denied that the Congress Party had received large gifts

On the other hand, a leading industrialist with direct know-ledge told me: "The gifts for which Mr Nixon was criticized are chicken feed compared to what business houses are giving to the Congress Party here—the poorest country in the world."

from big business.

Another reliable big business

source told me of cases of civil servants promising tax reductions or other benefits in return for political contributions. These go mainly not to the party direct, but in payment for "advertisements" in party journals or sourvenir brochures, some of which have already been published when the advertisements are solicited.

Mr Mohamed Yunus, one of the Prime Minister's close associates, has toured the country for "advertisements" for the National Herald, a front for the ruling party's political propaganda.

Money is indeed all-important in the election campaign and the Minister of Finance of one of the Congress-ruled states put it to me delicately when he conceded that "financial help flows more easily to the Congress Party ".

The partiality of All India Radio and Television, which is government-controlled, is readily verifiable. For example, there was nothing in the main

news bulletin on the day of the opposition rally in Delhi at the which some 200,000 people No heard the two main opposition tion leaders, Mr Jayaprakash Narayan and Mr Jagjivan party Ram. Yet the previous day almost half of the news bulling was devoted to Mrs Gandhi's great rally at the fame place.

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same place.
One of the early tests of the One of the early tests of the are hauled long distances to fairness of the election will the count and guard against come when election officials the possibility of rigging en consider the nominations within the next week. Wide-spread disqualifications—and these are not expected—could constitute a body blow to the opposition.

Because of the recent consti-

cation can no longer go to the state high court which could act expeditiously, but only to the High Court—an expensive and

slow process
Free and fair? Certainly there is freedom of expression in India today. But the fairness of the election will be questionable so long as the scales

are so weighted in favour of the Congress Party.

Not only are many opposi-tion election organizers still detained but the opposition party apparatus is far less pre-pared, financed and staffed than that of the Congress Party. In rural areas there will be few opposition officials to

route. Our Calcutta Correspondent writes: Mr Jayaprakash Narayan told a large public meeting in Calcutta this evening that Mrs Gandhi had ordered an election only because she was afraid of a "people's explosion". He

Mr Narayan bitterly criticized the pro-Moscow Communists who have an electoral understanding with Congress in West Bengal, but he asked people to support the Marxist Communists who have a simi-lar understanding with the opposition Janata party.

Vance-Sadat talks on Middle East peace

From Our Correspondent Cairo, Feb 17

Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secretary of State, held talks here today with President Sadat and Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister on the Middle East situation including prospects for resum-ing the Geneva peace con-

Mr Vance arrived here today on his first visit to an Arab country since he was appointed Secretary of State by President Carter. He has already visited Israel for similar talks which he described as helpful and useful.

In a statement on arrival here, Mr Vance said his mis-sion was a fact-finding one and that the United States was doing its utmost to belp the quest for a Middle East peace. He paid tribute to President Sadat, saying: "We, in the

Sadat, saying: "We, in the United States, have the great-est respect and admiration for President Sadat, a man vision and a statesman who is leading the search for a durable and lasting peace as well as a better economic life for his people".

An important issue in Mr Vance's talks here is the controversial question of the parti-cipation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) at the Geneva conference, which Mr Vance said it was hoped to reconvene in the second half

The Arab states, including Egypt, want the PLO to take part in the Geneva talks as a

part at the Geneva conference as a separate entity unless the PLO recognizes Israel's exis-After a two-hour meeting President Sadat said he had proposed that a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation should be established even before the Geneva conference

The United States is also

opposed to the PLO taking

resumed. This was seen as a move by Mr Sadat to overcome the thorny problem of Pales-tinian participation at Geneva. Mr Sadar conferred twice with Mr Yassir Arafat, head of of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), before Mr President Carter.

the Egyptian leader's plan. President Sadat's suggestion could be interpreted as meaning that a single delegation consisting of Jordanians and Palestinians should attend the Geneva meeting. He said there should be "a formal declared link" between the Palestinians and Jordan. "What I have in mind

Vance's arrival in Cairo. They

were believed to have discussed

President Sadat welcomes Mr Vance before their talks at the Egyptian leader's home.

s a confederation, but they (the Palestinians) are free to decide what they want."

Coin Feb 17.—President Sadat announced that he will be going to the United States early in April at the invitation of

on's economy.

Beirut, Feb 17.-M Louis de Beirut, Feb 17.—M Louis de Guiringaud, the French Foreign Minister, who is on a Middle East tour to see if France can help bring peace to the area, called on President Elias Sarkis of Lebanon today. M de Guiringaud, who arrived

in Beirut last night had talks earlier today with Government leaders. Mr Butros, the Lebanese Foreigo Minister, said they had discussed questions and problems of rebuilding Leban-

Mr Butros said France had promised to do as much as it could financially afford to help

Israel not to get US concussion bomb

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Feb 17

The American Government has decided not to sell the CBU72 concussion bomb to Israel. President Ford promised it in the closing days of last year's election campaign, partly to answer criticism from Mr Carter that the United States was not doing enough to help

Mr Carter also argued against some American arms sales, and has evidently concluded, after reviewing this particular item. that it is a weapon which should not be supplied to any foreign country.

The CBU72 is probably the

most deadly non-nuclear weapon in existence. It is dropped by parachute from a jet and can obliterate anything over a circle up to 150 feet across.

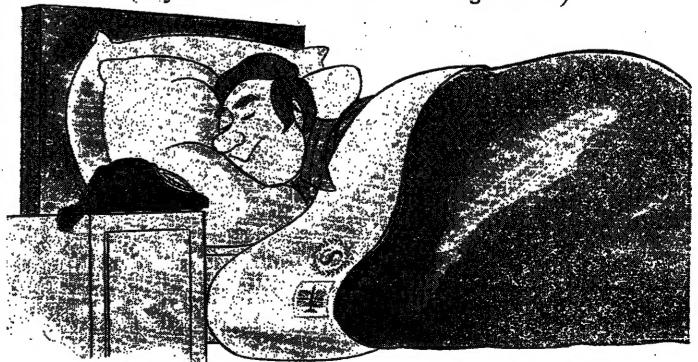
A particularly volatile fuel is sprayed from the bomb, and ignited. Combustion is so rapid and complete that air is sucked out of the lungs of anyone there and none but the most solid structures could survive. The device is also used to clear vegetation in a jungle for a helicopter landing.

An earlier version, the CBU 55 was used in Vietnam, the Israelis wanted it to destroy Arab fortifications.

The last time this sort of upset happened. Dr Kissinger promised Israel some Pershing long-range surface-to-surface missiles, of a sort which could reach Egyptian cities from Israel territory carrying a nuclear warhead. Congress put

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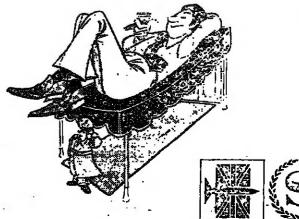
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In brief 2,500 rescued from floods

Maputo, Feb 17.—A huge rescue operation continued to-day in Mozambique's worst flood disaster in which at least 300 people have died. More than 2,500 people were rescued yesterday by helicopter, lorry or jeep in the stricken southern Gaza province, official sources said.

TV doctor

New York, Feb 17.—Dr Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, has signed a five-year agreement with the National Broadcasting Company involv-ing television appearances on programmes concerning inter-national affairs.

Deaths in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Feb 17.— Argentine troops killed six leftwing guerrilla suspects today and later other suspects threw a bomb killing two civilians, the Army reported.

Mexican round-up Mexico City, Feb 17.—Armed police today raided dozens of private homes in a crackdown on urban guerrillas who have killed at least 10 people this

Kosygin visit fixed

Helsiaki, Feb 17.—Mr Alexei
Kosygin, the Soviet Prime Minister, will visit Finland as the guest of President Kekkonen on March 21-25, it was announced here today.

Argentina' on Falklands

From Andrew Tarnowski Buenos Aires, Feb 17 Argentina and Britain have agreed to raise their talks on the future of the Falkland Islands to the level of negotiaaccording to Admiral Guzzetti, the Argentine

lands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, had agreed during their opening meeting on Tuesday that further dis-They would include the re-appointment of ambassadors.

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This was highly misleading, in Lord Shackleton's view, because the Foreign Office's total reported from the raisiands cause the roreign Office's total that although pro-British was inflated by adding some fill that a majority from which the report said among the islanders, "there is also a group favouring greater cooperation with Argentina, ment.

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Mr Jim Killen, the Defence
Minister, replying to a question nuclear power stations in Britain from the Opposition leader, Mr Whitlam, in the federal Parliaand buried at Maralinga.

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The need for a new look at pensions in inflationary times

In the December mini-budget the Chancellor decided to leave inflation proofed pensions alone. It had been rumoured that he was considering two possible changes. The first was to limit the rise in public sector pensions to the pay policy limits and the second was to make the annual increases discretionary. Some Cabinet Ministers objected, apparently at the last minute. but the decisive factor was almost certainly the appreciation that either change required amending legislation.

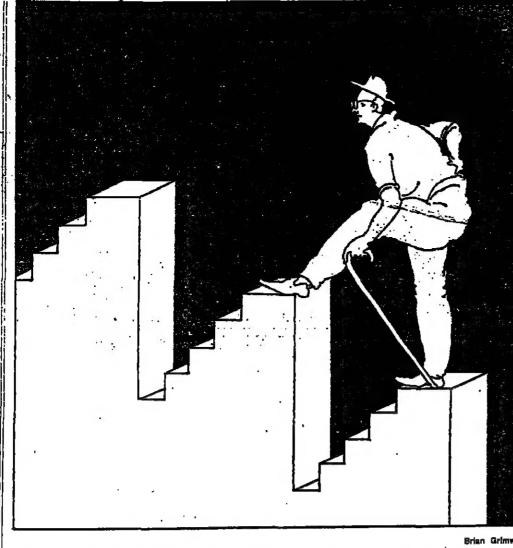
Mr Healey therefore asked the TUC to consider inflation

proofed pensions as part of the negotiations on stage three of the social contract. So now is the time, before the cement hardens on stage three, to make one's own views clear. Moreover, it is important that voices, other than those of the TUC and the Government, should be heard on this com-

The case which led the last Conservative Government to introduce inflation proofing for public sector pensions was very strong. Pensioners are in no way to blame for inflation; they are the victims of it, and therefore it is only fair to protect them from its ravages. All that they are being guaranteed is that their pension will not fall in real terms. For many is that their pension will not fall in real terms. For many years army and navy pensions were scandalously low. All that the Crown has said to soldiers and sailors who have enlisted since 1971 is that they or their widows and children will get their pensions in the undebased coin of the realm. Is that unreasonable? Moreover the principle of inflation proofing pensions is widely accepted, since all pensioners are now guaranteed by law that accepted, since all pensioners are now guaranteed by law that their basic state pension should keep pace with the cost of living by annual up-ratings.

That is all very well pro-vided that the country can afford it, and that it does not produce real unfairness be-tween different groups in society. The cost of the Decem-ber 1975 increase of 26 per cent for public servants was £180m; in 1976 the increase of 13.8 per in 1976 the increase of 13.8 per cent cost £114m. These are significant figures, and it is likely to be higher next year as the rate of inflation will probably exceed 13.8 per cent. Inflation proofing can be afforded if the long term rate of inflation is helow 5 per cent. If however the rate of inflation is moving for a long period to a much for a long period to a much higher level, say over 10 per cent, then the cost of inflation proofing will rise substantially, and the gap between those who benefit and those who don't will grow dramatically. Moreover, if pensions are the only things that are indexed, and tax thresholds and wages are not, then there will be a shift in the resources of the economy to the pensioners and this will be at the expense of those still at

Private sector pension with their inflation-schemes cannot afford to pensions, which they loo guarantee inflation proofing, as a contractual right. bough some companies make large payments out of their profits to give some additional protection to their pensioners. The public sector pensioner is therefore regarded as belonging to a highly privileged class, just as the public servant is re-garded as living in a cosy world lusulated from the real world where the real wealth of the community is created. This has led to extravagant claims that inflation proofed pensions are a vital element in the recruitment of youngsters to the public service. I find this hard public service. I thind this hard to believe, and if young people thinking of entering industry are really concerned about whether they can potter peace-fully after they have reached 65, then they and industry would be better off it they took their adventurous talents down to the town half.



is thinking of switching jobs.
But the answer to this is to enable private sector schemes to inflation proof. One way of doing this—pamely the indexation of interest on government securities—has been advocated by The Times. Pension funds could then purchase investments which would yield a return that was constant in real terms. Indexation of public debt could, however, divert funds from other sources of saving and for this reason the Government are unlikely to do anything about it in the near future.

What then should be done? One of the first things to appreciate is the size of the problem. About 1,200,000 pensioners—former civil servants, local government workers, service—

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About 1,200,000 pensioners—
former civil servants, local government workers, servicemen, policemen, teachers, MPs, doctors and nurses get their pensions increased by law each December. About a further 800,000 workers, mainly in the nationalized industries. receive the same increase by custom, and so over two million pensioners are involved.
Furthermore, there are about
6,500,000 people in public
sector employment who confidently expect to get this benefit. Already the doctors have warned off anyone tampering with their inflation-proofed pensions, which they look upon

Justice of Appeal, and an assistant adjutant general in the war, has argued the case for leaving the armed forces alone and particularly middle ranking former officers who in any change are likely to see their relative standard of liv-ing fall again.

There are several possible changes. First, pension in-creases could be limited to the general level of any pay policy that may be operating. This sounds attractive but it assumes

when a union succeeded in breaching the pay policy. Secondly, there could be a cut-off level at say pensions of £50 a week, below which inflation proofing would continue and above which there would be

little or no increase. This deals with former permanent secre-taries, town clerks, and police chiefs, but the savings would be miniscule. It has a good socialist ring about it, but it is this road that leads to closing differentials and to marginal tax rates of 83 per cent and 98 per cent. Furthermore a fixed limit of this sort creates aromalies when rarned off anyone tampering fith their inflation-proofed ensions, which they look upon as a contractual right.

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There is a much more real problem for the man of 40 who

So all these solutions are flawed. What is more significant is that each of them could

actually create injustices. A fresh look at the problem is needed. Suppose the Government said to the whole of the public sector: "You can have inflation proofed pensions, but the present generation of em-ployees in the public sector must contribute an appropriate amount for this benefit." In amount for this benefit." in
the periods when pay policy
does not interrupt the system
1.75 per cent is deducted from
the annual civil service pay increase to allow for inflation
proofing. This simply cannot
purchase the increases of 9 per cent in 1974, of 26 per cent in 1975, and 13.8 per cent in 1976. What is needed is an independent assessment, by public sector and private sector represent tatives, of what deduction would be appropriate. From inquiries I have made, a guaranteed 5 per cent annual increase would per cent annual increase would involve a deduction of 5 per cent, and an annual increase of 10 per cent, a deduction of 17 per cent—the rise is geometric. But whatever the figures may be, they should be established independently and openly. The openness is important since there is suspicion in the private sector that the

possible to set this up as a public body with an indepen-dent chairman and a board drawn from both the public and private sector. If this were to happen the public sector unions in their annual wage negotiations could decide which level of inflation proofing they want, and which the present generation of employees are prepared to afford, since they would have to foot the bill. Such a system would give parity with the employee who pays into a private pen-sion fund. It would be fair and would not create new anomalies. I hope the TUC and

the Government will consider it. Kenneth Baker The author is Conservative MP for the City of Westminster, St

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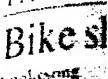
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of much abuse in post-Franco Spain, says that a woman will be punished for having sexual intercourse with a man who is not her husband, even if she is separated or the marriage is in the process of being Spantsh law recognizes that the man can have as many extra-marital affairs as he likes as long as he does not commit adultery in the marital home or cause a public scandal. In practice there have been very few trials of adulterers but many of adulteresses.

While Spain is evolving politically towards a form of government similar to other western European countries, socially the country is still lagging behind as the recent adultery trials and the impossibility of obtaining a divorce show.

However there are signs that social reforms are on the way, with a reform of the adultery law and recognition of the right of divorce expected. Ironically Spain

right of divorce expected, fromcally Spain in 1932, in the second republic, was the first European country to have a divorce law, which was revoked by General Franco in 1939 after the civil war. Now Spain along with Ireland is one of the few countries which does not recognize divorce.

tries which does not recognize divorce.

The adultery trials have caused uproar in feminist circles. "Justicia" is a feminine word in Spanish but as far as women are concerned that is about the only concession the law makes to them in matters of adultery. It is virtually impossible, for a man to stand trial for committing adultery as the law gives him a privileged position, yet a woman can easily be brought to

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Article 449 of the penal code, the butt

The maximum sentence is six years and unlimited damages. While General Franco ruled, terms of imprisonment, usually of one to three years, were handed out. Since his death there have been several trials. At the end of November a man and a woman

were sentenced to seven months imprison-ment each. But for the fact that they comment each. But for the fact that they committed the offence before November 25, 1975 they would surely have gone to prison. King Juan Carlos granted an induito (pardon) on that day which covered crimes committed before then. Seven months is almost the minimum sentence, showing that judges these days are loath to attract publicity on the issue. The lawyer, of the offended husband had asked for six years and damages of £40.000.

How Spain

lags behind in laws

on marriage

This trial and others including that of a nedical student in the autumn all cul-

minated in demonstrations by women, some of them holding placards saying: "I too am an adulteress Until the law is changed the women in these cases still run the risk of coming to trial again "If my burshand sees me with the same man more than three times this is sufficient grounds for him to bring a fresh prosecution", said Maria Benito, a medical student. The court rejected the

charge of adultery brought by her husband in October "Bur if he misbehaves before the marriage is disolved (proceedings have started) there is nothing I can do even if I wanted to." Lawyer Juan Ignacio Ortiz de Urbina Pinto, who defended the man and the woman in the November trial, says the reaso, for this couble standard is that our penal code is male-orientated. It is based on the Moorish idea of protection for women: that the woman is inferior to

the man " More importantly, the heavy punishments for adultery and the ban on divorce are due to the continuing preponderant influence of the Roman Catholic Church in Spain. According to the country's fundamental laws Spain is a confessionally Catholic country and "marriage is one and indissoluble".

General Franco revoked the divorce

divorce law. The Spanish Church has yet to pro-

The law is expected to list nine reasons for obtaining a divorce including the abandonment of the marital home for more

who split up in a year and would probably benefit from a divorce law.

At the moment the only way a person can remarry in Spain is to have the marriage annulled. A lengthy process which on average takes about four years. There have been cases taking up to 16 years. The planned reform would remove the adultery issue from the penal code and place it in the civil code. The divorce law is likely to meet stiff resistance from reactionary elements who see it, like General Franco did, as a sign of decadent liberalism and so at all cost to be avoided.

William Chislett

law because it was "radically opposed to the profound religious sentiment of the Spanish people". Now that the dictator is dead and the Concordat of 1953 regulating Church-state relations is being revised, probably leading to an eventual separation of Church and state, the way is open for a diverse law

nounce on the divorce issue. While it is loath to support the cause, the more progressive elements recognize that it is a social reality, if not a desirable one. A special commission is drawing up the law which looks as if it will be a mixture of the 1932 one and the Italian Fortuna law. As in Italy there will probably be a referendum afterwards, assuming that the law is approved by Parliament. It could be one of the first Bills which next summer's democratically elected Parliament looks at.

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Lawyers estimate that about 400 couples separate every month in Madrid alone and about 400 more are separated by the existing ecclesiastical courts. This gives a national figure of over 100,000 couples. than a year. who split up in a year and would probably

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Bike shop dreams hausted lines from Frank's schoolteacher girlfriend, a per shop going up in smoke, a brief scene with an overbearingly amiable UVF man canvassing for protection money. Not much, but it sends a shiver down the

dents are concerned.

Robert Gillespie's production

humane tone and honesty of the writing are fully sustained by Niall Buggy and Annabel Leven-ton, John Scully's loaded set is

Wayne Eagling puts immense energy into his solos and duers as Lucentio, but there is no romance or fun in his dencing

on this page last Saturday. Kurt-Heinz Stolze's restless adapta-tion of Scarlatd put me in mind of Pope's definition of the Alexandrine, "that like a

Alexandrine, "that like a wounded snake, drags its slow

length along".
What with that burden, and

the insipidity of Elisabeth Dalton's designs (stockbroker's Tudor in Padua, would you believe?), the ballet needs all the

ments were on. We must hope

before rushing away. In Glas-

upon the heart; in Cardiff, when the production was new, it passed almost unremarked.

victim of his own selfishness.

suggest the tensions, between the bigoted matriarch and the

younger folk, which wing the terrible drams on its way. Now

Tosephine Barstow's Tenufa

Spokesong Vaudeville

Irving Wardle

Together with republican poli-rics, returning prodigals, and matriarchal courtships, the bicycle occupies an honograble place in Irish writing (witness Beckett and Flann O'Brien). Stewart Parker's achievement Stewart Parker's achievement in this much praised transfer from the King's Head is to pull all these strands together in a view of 80 years of Irish history in terms of "the last development in technology that everyone understands".

Under the double threat of the planters and the hembers

the planuers and the bombers, Frank's bike shop functions both as a whispering gallery for old Belfast and as the setting for his campaign to pacify "five square miles of anger and internal combustion by poaching the Amsterdam civic bicycles scheme. Before his dreams are punc-

tured, we get a commentary on the bicycle's evolution from 3500 BC, an introduction to its usefulness in war together with a session of bike drill, the intimate stripping of a ladies model down to the crank assembly, and a demonstration of the university of the crank assembly. of the unicycle as a ukelele.
There are plenty of turns and rousingly varied chorus numbers by Jimmy Kennedy. But at the same time the sense of modern Belfast is stealthily in- as good as a trip to a bike vading the stage; a few ex- museum.

The Taming of the Shrew

Covent Garden

John Percival

Whatever happened to the laughter? When the Stuttgart Ballet brought Cranko's *Taming* of the Shrew to Covent Garden there were hoots of laughter all through. At the Royal Baller's first performance of the work on the same stage on Wednes-day it was 25 minutes into the piece befor eathe first guifaw big enough to register on my pocket seismograph, then 10 manutes before the next. True, the various dances, watched in respectful silence, were nearly all applauded, but what kind of reaction is that to a knockabout farce?

The performance was simply too genteel. No blame on David Wall, whose Petruchio has a convincing swagger and a nice line in lechery, vividly visible on his malleable features, But before he can strike sparks, he needs a Kate much more flinty than Merle Park provided. Her shrew was too tame from the start, and when she did start to come glive in the final scenes, it was far too late.

We shall have so wait and see whether the dancers get the knack larer, or perhaps whether other casts will manage better. Watching Lesley Collier's cheerful tenacity wasted in the sweet simplicity

Jenufa Theatre Royal Glasgow

William Mann

In the present state of economic stringency, joint productions between opers companies will be-come increasingly necessary. The first venture of this kind within Britain is the shared new production of Janácek's Jenuja first shown by Welsh National Opera 17 months ago, now transthe same sets, producer, conductor and principal soloists.

In Cardiff I had some reservations about a decently turned out show; in Glasgow on Wed-nesday the same production had been transformed into a shattercentury. Jenufa is about 2 small village community where intermarriage breeds compli-cated family trees so that the main characters are all more or less dimly related. It is about religiosity masquerading 28 decency, love and lust, and the longing for fulfilment or domesticity, also a longing to transcend the peasant environment

cend the peasant environment by education or travel or some such. There is some folksy nationalism too, relevant to the period, the mid-1890s, but it is not important and Maria Björnson's settings fairly play down the tourist colourfulness. The tone of the opera is set by the huge mill-wheel in the first act, its frenzied activity mirrored during the prelude by a picture of the Buryja house.

ing, profoundly moving inter-pretation of what many had long acknowledged as a great opera of the early twentieth century. Jenua is about 2 terrible drama on its way. Now they are terrifyingly there in full forte. Her irruption into the tipsy carousal in the first act is pyrotechnical: she clutches Steva, dancing on the table with Jenufa, and instantly be tumbles to the ground.

her might to placate Jenua's two potential suitors, then collapsing in superstitious terror, that Miss Tinsley pulls Janácek's music together, one tiny phrase after another, and creates an electric tension which bids fair to ignite every light in the charter. a picture of the Buryla house-hold equally frenziedly peeling vegetables for supper, a perfect reflection of Janácek's music particularly when Jenufa, long-ing for the absent lover who has given her a baby, jumps to her feet mouthing mute agony

narmonia under Richard Armstrong, in the preludes to the three acts, fine solos, perfect style, under complete control, lovely sounds to introduce terrifying drama which came across with equal vividness. Prospect Theatre's new chairman

light in the theatre.

The subsidiary characters are beautifully done, each strong in individuality, as much

testimony to David Pountney's

sensitive production over the months as to Scottish Opera's

present quality. As impressive, almost, as anything was the precision and subtlety of the playing, by the Scottish Philharmonia under Richard Arm-

Laurence Harbottle has relia-quished his chairmanship of Prospect Theatre Company to chair the Arts Council's Housing the Arts committee. He is succeeded at Prospect by David Russell, former chairman Colman Prentis and Varley.

Sequel to National Velvet

Bryan Forbes has been signed Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer to write and direct International Velvet as a British-made sequel to one of the studio's best known films, National Velvet.

The film marks MGM's return to British production after an absence of several years, and photography will start in West Country this August.

Chayevsky/Lumet television tantrum

Leicester Square

Kings of the Road (aa) Gate

In common with much of the The Gatekeeper's best Irish drama of the past 10 years the play touches on big Daughter (x, London) events through the lives of small events through the lives of small people. Mr Parker earns no marks for originality in that, nor in adopting the favourite Irish form of the memory play. His big contribution is his ability to say something quiet, positive and funny with his eyes firmly fixed on the present. The limit of Frank's disillusion comes in the superbly modest line: "I don't see any future for an advocate of cycling in this town." Cinecenta, Panton

Cavalcanti Retrospective National Film Theatre

It is 20 years and more since Paddy Chayevsky and Sidney Lumer erupted into the cinema as the first generation of golden boys to bring new ideas and new vitality from television. Chayevsky's television play Marty was filmed in 1955; Lumer made his screen debut with Twelve Angry Men, another television adaptation, in 1957.

Tweety years is a long time: this town."
The piece is not without stereotyped Irish characterisrics, such as its bossy wooing scenes and its fondness for polysyllabic witticisms, especi-ally where snide British resi-

is somewhat sluggish for a vaudeville piece, especially in its lighting cues, and the quick changing Robert Bridges is emphatically more effective in some parts than others. But the Twenty years is a long time; and meanwhile Chayevsky and Lomet have evidently become fearful and angry about television. Or maybe not exactly angry, but cross and middle-aged and depressed. Network, written by Chayevsky and directed by Lumet, was evidently meant as an apocalyp-tic Strangelove satire, but a lot of the time seems only a crotchety tantrum. The idea is that Beale,

of her present role as Bianca, I could not help thinking she might have been able to pull off the bigger part. The other performance with some guts to it was Michael Culeman's as run-of-the-mill newscaster (Peter Finch), depressed at his low ratings, suddenly flips and aunounces to his diminishing television audience that next Horrensio. He gives his brief, solos character as well as techweek at the same time he'll be blowing his brains out on screen for their entertainment. nique, and puts on an amisbly leering grin as he repeatedly and smugly smooths back a straying lock of long dank Apparently repentant, he asks for a chance to go on and apologize: instead he lets go a stream of invective against the world at large and television in particular. Only after he and everyone concerned with the romance or fun in his dencing yet. The other solo parts were rather laboriously done, and the celebratory pas de six will look better if the performers learn to keep in time, with each other and the music.

Not that anyone can be refused sympathy for the lack of inspiration the score provides, as Merle Park pointed out on this page last Saturday. Kurtproadcast have been sacked do the ratings start to come in.
The audience, used to the bland inconsequences of the small screen, are thrilled by this verbose. Mad Prophet of the bose "Mad Prophet of the Air". Everyone is reinstated, and the wretched madman is obsessed with what he now

> light at six Finally, though, he meets a holier being even than God-the big boss of the great cor-porate conglomerate that has taken over the station, who easily convinces him that his mission is henceforth to promore the gospel of the capital list and corporate utopia. To attack big business, he thunders, is to meddle with the primal forces of nature.

believes is a divine vocation to harangue the nation every

help it can get from its per-formers: much more than it received at this showing. Even in the Stuttgart production the temperature fell when replacewave of dissent-and-protest pro-

setting (it was shot in the CFTO-TV Studios in Toronto and the MGM Building in New York) only heightens the strain of believing in the extrawagance of the story and the extreme caricature of the stereotype television characters. The targets of the satire, too, seem rather too widely spaced for effect, ranging from the conglomerate's hatchet men put in charge of the station (Hollycharge of the station (Holly-wood itself can provide plenty of models for these) at one extreme to the radical terror-ists who prove as good capitatriguing, The travellers on this Odyssey

Career girl: Faye Dunaway and team in Network

around rather vaguely at the programme makers, the complacent audience, ethics at large. If the overall effect seems diffuse, individual moments have bite. There is a telling scene at the start of the film, when Beale's announcement of when heare's announcement or his impending suicide meets with total absence of response within the studios, where people are so immunized that they are blind and deaf to anything seen or heard on the tube. Faye Dunaway, too, is often funny as the prototypical, viciously charming television career girl, still chartering on about her pro-grammes and ratings evenmaybe specially—at the moment

lists as the rest the moment they

see the colour of money. Be-tween times the film swipes

The two central performances, too, go far to redeem a film of somewhat shattered notions.
William Holden plays a television executive, defeated, battered, passed by, betrayed, but still fighting to retain some After this, of course, the Beale Show ratings fall; and the only solution is so have him assassinated on acreen as an extra attraction of The Mao Tss Tung Hour, the serialized reallife exploits of a group of radical terrorists, one of the wave of dissent-and-protest programmes that has followed in the Mad Prophet's wake.

The careful actuality of the All Wim Wenders's films

gorgeous with the soprano and the solo violin intertwining. Richard Deakin in the violin

part provided a mixture of the properly showy and the decently

to an opera seria hero.

Mr Lubbock let us hear his wind section and his strings

wind section and his strings separately before bringing them together. The C minor wind Serenade was never quite in focus, the balance middle-heavy, the tempos often no slow for this urgent work to acquire due momentum. The little string Divertimento K138 was over-refined, lacking in youthful high spirits and in warmth.

varmth. Sometimes Mr Lubbock sac-

rifices clarity to expressive shaping and things go awry, as happened in the slow introduc-

tion of Symphony No 39. But the symphony's straightfor-wardly vigorous music went well; and its ideas were often

meaty characterized. Yet still there were odd or artificial things, and still he never quite managed to weld the music into a continuous whole. I wonder if he quite appreciates how difficult and how elusive

Mozart can be.

of sexual climax.

un journeys from nowhere very clear to nowhere in particular:
Alice in the Cities, The Goal-keeper's Fear of the Penalty.
Wrong Movement. Kings of the Road (Im Lauf der Zeit) is a longer trip than the rest—it lasts nearly three hours—but it is the easiest to stay with. Every turn of the road brings something unforeseen and in-

are Bruno, a loner who lives in a huge furniture removal van, wandering from town to town servicing projectors in small independent cinemas. Robert (Hanns Zischler) is first seen rather ineffectually attempting suicide, after separating from his wife, and is fished out by Bruno from the river into which he has driven his car. Robert rides a bit of the way with Bruno; and then a his more. More than anything a bit more. More than anything for want of the resolution to separate, they travel together. Bruno meets a girl; and we have a hint of his failure with women. Robert visits his old father, and we divine something of the failures and frustrations of his past. Otherwise, says Brune; "no histories". The journey continues; there are encounters, lessons, quarrels. That is the usual nature of Wenders's film Odysseys, but this one ends up a trifle more hopefully than the rest. At the end the two actually do find the determination to split up, and Robert leaves Bruno with the message "Things must change".

peculiar attraction of the film, which lies in Wenders's gift for

The spectator almost shares their belief that they will.

(apart from an unhappy made to-order version of The Scarlet to-order version of The Scarlet scape for his lost souls. The in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a setting he has chosen—the disputation journeys from nowhere very clear to nowhere in particular: West border; the wastes of sand dunes and quarries, was 16, and was every packed off to Europe to study of the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema. He was borney in Rio in 1897. Ev. ently a precocious lad, he had a ready in the cinema and a ready in the cinema and a ready in the cinema and the cinema their abandoned and inexplicable industrial structures; above all the mausoleum world of once-prosperous cinemas now empty and dirtyproper background for the spiritual disorientation of men retreat, like Bruno and Robert.

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The cinema provides a constart an old man (apparently a real-life character) recalls the great old days when he bired extra musicians to play for Ben Hur, and then the difficult times that followed. At the end a woman says she keeps her cinema ready to reopen, just in case. . . You know, though, that she will never reopen, any more than Bruno will open, any more than Bruno will really change. Wenders's view of his Germany is not an encouraging one. The Grand Magic Circus

is funny and exhibit acting on stage, but not also, in The Gazekeeper's Daughter, which is a speculation on what silent comedy of the Max Linder vintage would have been like if it had been bawdy. The period style is quite wirrily caught, and for a few minutes the idea of the silent comic having to cope with huge, naked ladies, and the fat villains sporting Old Comedy phalli is intriguing. But both the fun and the filth pretty soon lose their savour. The National Film Theatre is now presenting an overdue tribute to one of the most attractive and eclectic artists in

eightieth birthday on February highlighting the oddity of a Cavalcanti has personally chance roadside incident, and been a good deal of the story

the story of the cinema, Albert

packed off to Europe to study of architecture. By 191, he was a working as an architect in my Paris. Architecture and in-Paris. terior design brought him into :contact with the so-cauced:
"First Avant-garde" of the French cinema, Already in 1923 he was designing Marcel 1 Perbier's L'Inhumaine. In 1926 7 he directed his first film Rien' tinuing metaphor here. At the que les Heures, an impression of start an old man (apparently a uf a day in Paris. Though it of a day in Paris. Though it a day was full of the tricks and ties of the German and French and avant-garde film-makers of the day, the film can be said to have insugurated the notion ; of documentary which John Grierson was to develop in

Britain in the 1930s. Disillusioned with his recareer in France, Cavalcanti of came to London to join their British documentary group; buegate Grierson and he—both power tic-ful but very different personal in ties—did not hit it off for long of Cavalcanti was clearly muce thappier with Michael Balcon and the Ealing, producing and directing ing feature films whose titles. are richly evocative for a the whole generation: Champagne Charlie, Dead of Night, The Foreman went to France.

After leaving Ealing in the late Forties, Cavalcanti became, a wanderer, making films in ..., Brazil—where his plan to re vive the industry was aborted. by political pressures—in Austria, Italy, Romania, Britain and (for television) in France. The NFT retrospective will include an autobiographical compilation One Man and his-Cinema which Cavalcanti has ? just completed.

David Robinson

Lucia Popp in three roles

Josephine Barstow's Jenufa is more beautifully sung than before—she has now lodged the music and the words into her artistic personality. Allen Cathcart, too, has turned his Laca into a clumsy tall slob instinct with devotion, unwillingly turned to violence or rejection. Gregory Dempsey makes Steva a soft-centred rustic fop, the victim of his own selfishness. Orchestra of St John's/ Lubbock

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John Lubbock chose his Mozart programme insposity on Wednesday: music of various periods, various moods, various idioms.

properly showy and the decently self-effacing, and phrased it nicely. Miss Popp produced her richest and silkiest tone, leant affectionately and expressively on the appoggiaturas and chromatic notes and brought to her phrasing a new breadth, apt an over serial here.

The clou of the production is Pauline Tinsley's Kostelnicks, a self-centred, tormested dynamo. In Cardiff she sang the part strongly but did not completely At the centre of it he had Lucia Popp to sing three arias, in the guise respectively of Zerlina, Susanna and Idamantes. Whatever she does, she does winningly. Her Zerlina, in "Vedrai carino" was beautifully

scaled emotionally, shapely and expressive of phrase, sweet and lowing of tone. Her Susanna "Deh vieni" was done with It is chiefly in the second act, piously longing for the bastard baby's death, frenetically accomplishing it, trying with all her might to placate Jenufa's a delicious hint of sensuality to her almost lazy phrasing, in her inclination to lean on each note and to abandon it only reluct-antly. With a voice like hers, anyone has a right to reluct-ance.

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Her Idamantes was a rather different matter. It was originally a castrato part, but Miss Popp's aria was written for the 1786 revival and is presumed to be for a tenor. Mozart, mysterionely, wrone it out at sopteriously, wrote it out at sop-rano pitch, and sopranos have naturally claimed this piece, which anyway sits uneasily in its context. Certainly it sounds

Belgrade Piano Trio Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

Beethoven's Archduke and Tchaikovsky's A minor trio were separated by a contemporary noveky in the programme chosen by the Belgrade Piano chosen by the Belgrade riano
Trio for their return visit to
London on Wednesday. The
three Yugoslav mucicians
(Alexsandar Pavlovic, Viktor
Jakovčic and Andreja Preger),
all professors at the Belgrade
University of Arts, have played
together for 13 years and
approach music in the same
direct and unassuming way.
Violin and cello rone took a

Violin and cello tone took a little time to warm in the Arch-duke. The pianist in his turn did not immediately come to terms with Purcell Room acoustics: his fortissimo easily grew strident. In their unburried first movement they were not really caught up in the music's natural flow. But the Andame's sentiment thawed them. Conversational exchanges could scarcely have been closer towards its end, and there was much lively

interplay in the finale,
In Tchaikovsky's lengthy Op
50 they faced up to the first
movement's grief with bite and
strength even if not with
sumptuous tanal, bloom. Sparing ic, use of vibrato, the strings were a little dry for music so ripe. In the ensuing variations they were much more beguing. Violin and cello at once made melody glow in the first two variations and, though the pianist was not quite equal to the sprightly demands of No 3, he coaxed suggestive sonority from the parbard in subsequent numbers keyboard in subsequent num-bers such as five and nine. All players danced their way through the waltz and the mazurka before reminding us again of the work's elegiac im-port in their heartfelt ending.

The novelty was "Ritrovari er tre—Espressioni notturni" by a fellow professor at the University, Petar Bergamo, writ-ten for them in 1974. It was a a fellow professor at the brief, evocative essay in atmospheric sonority which without actually sounding like Bartok still suggested that that Hungarian's night music, insects and all, could have been Bergamo's inspirational source.

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Perhaps there's more in this percussive instrument than meets the ear

I have discussed more than 'I still once the gradual change in musical taste that comes with the passing years, a change which is not so much from one composer or musical style to another (like the post-adoles-cent outgrowing of Tchaikovsky), as a change in the relative attractiveness of different musical textures. Chief of these gradual tikings of the balance of musical satisfaction is an is the increase in the appreciation of chamber music and the concomitant slackening of the hold of the symphonic reper-toir. (Strictly speaking, this is the devil' second in importance of the changes, not the first, which of course is the infinitely extendable devotion to Mozart. instruments, in which the wire is plucked, as in band-held equivalents such as the lute for granted; if it isn't, I offer you a story of Bruno Walter sent me by a reader

subject. It seems that Walter was asked which composer gave him the deepest satisfac-tion to conduct, and he began to expound upon the varying qualities of Beethoven, Wagner, Mahler, Bruckner. Wagner, Manager Said But maestro", said astonished fan, "what about Mozart?" "Ah, so", said Mozart. I thought This shift of emphasis takes

place gradually, of course; and in some of us it goes farther than in others. As I have also disclosed, it is now as much as I can do to drag Muller to the Eroica, and a proposal the other day that we should go and listen to a couple of Rachmaninov piano concertos had him screaming for mercy. To any number of questions, though, he will come like a lamb, and when I suggested. for our winter series the ner formance by Alfred Brendel of all 32 Beethoven piano sociates a series of seven recitals, he leaped at it, and was shortly afterwards to be seen telling renowned film producers and powerful television executives, hungry for his scrint-writing services, that he might be able to fit them in towards the unddle of the month after pext.

It has proved an immentaly rewarding experience. Mind you, I still cannot quite shows off the feeling, which I have long had, that the plane is an invention of the devil, that the principle on which it works the thumping of taut wires by benumers—is against nature, the only proper means of producing sound from taut producing sound from taut (the last of the series is on wire being either the one used Monday), together with by the pre-pianoforte keyboard encores ad lib, for the pianist,

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and guitar and their relations. or the version employed by the strings-and-bow instruments, in which it is caressed. That which it is caressed. That which is hit is, by definition, a percussion instrument; wa Stravinsky for whom the piano was just that. So even the most beautiful of solo piano writing—the Schubert sonatus. say—leaves my inner car affronted by the ugliness in some of the infinite series of concentric overtones any note on the piano produces (if you are by now becoming convinced that I am craw, go and strike the first black key from the right on the next plans you meet, vigorously and several times, and see whether you do not come away feeling that there is something in what I say, even, indeed, if you do not find that you have

contracted

All the same, I have not thought such things while lis-tening to Brendel playing Beetboven, or more precisely to Beethoven being played by Brendel. (It is not quite the same thing; I remember observing, after a Beethoven recital by Serkin a few years ago, that that sort of playing makes one think not "What an incomparable planist" but "What a marvellous com-poser", and I felt much the same, mutatis—as you shall learn—mutandis, with Brendel). Circumstances obliged me to miss two of the seven even-ings at the QEH (including the one with the Moonlight-but then, Muller had to miss the one with the Waldstein), but 23 of the peaks in that astounding range of musical mountains I shall have heard

unaccountably

morhache.

have consisted of five sonatas (too many to digest at a sitring), has been unfailingly generous when they were over.

Brendel is an amazing fellow. He comes on to the platform looking as though he has just remembered not only that he left the gas on without lighting it, but that there was a candle burning in the kitchen as well, and he sits down as though expecting a policeman to leap out of the instrument and arrest him. But never did man so falsify the words of the old ditty "It takes a worried man to sing a worried song", for the hearts-

ease that his playing provides is as full, rich and consoling as could possibly be imagined; the instrument has sung for him like a choir of nightingales, together with proportionate numbers of larks, robins thrushes and blackbirds. I judge-I cannot help judg-

ing—any pianist playing Beeth-oven against my youthful mem-ories of Schnabel, just as I judge one playing Mozart against the equally absolute standard set for me years ago by Edwin Fischer, And I find it interesting that the two planists of today who are respectively outstanding in these two composers—Brendel for Beethoven and Barenboim for Mozart—are as far removed from the spare classical purity displayed by the two earlier masters as it is possible to be. The sheer grace of Barenboim's Mozart is enough to make you cry; but the most interesting reflection it pro-yokes is that it could not have been quite like that if the planist had been born a couple of decades earlier. Just as change with the years, so that Hamlet not only is not played today as it was in, say, the fifties, but cannot successfully

wrought by time in musical performances (this truth can be seen demonstrated at its most obvious, of course. operative production); Baren-boim is as much of his era as was Fischer of his and if it comes to that, does Ashkenazy play Chopin like Rubinstein? I So with Brendel in the Beethoven canon. The convic-

if he were to repeat the pro-gramme the following day it

would sound entirely different

from beginning to end, yet just

as valid. In the Apassionata, which he played just before Christmas, the slow movement was a thing of trembling and mysterious beauty; it seemed to be coming from the mouth of an infinitely ancient and moss-grown cave, shining with colours that no human ari could reproduce. I felt—and is there a better test of a performer?—that I had never heard it before. And this is

mighty works—the Hammerkla-vier, the Waldstein, the E minor; they sounded freshly coined to my ears indeed, they sounded as if they were fresh for the pianist, too, as though he was coming to them for the first cime.

why Brendel is so compelling a musician. For not only is nothing taken for granted. nothing perfunctory or unfelt; everything seems thought out from first principles, and everywhere there is a suggestion of surprise in the playing—so that's what Beethoven meant!—which has made me feel that player and audience were sharing a series of discoveries. To make discoveries in a familiar land; that is what art is. To make them in the company of Alfred Brendel; that is art and plea-

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Business is booming these days

for conference interpreters, those linguistic wizards who sit in little glass boxes and oil the

Starting tomorrow, the first real mov LCOME FO to strike at Labour's left wing

The most important development now in Labour politics is the way the centre and right of the party are seeking to mobilize their strength. When they were being savaged by the left at the Blackpool conference last autumn two things were evident: that the battle was largely going by default and that the much trumpeted concordat between the union bosses and the Government was of strictly limited value.

The trade union leaders would give their backing to the social contract and would do whatever was required to keep the Government in being. But that was all. The understanding did not extend to supporting the Prime Minister and his closest colleagues in their political battles within the party. That is why Mr Norman Alkinson found himself treasurer of the party, why a left-wing majority was elected to the National Executive Committee and why so many critical resolutions were passed at Blackpool.

The old alliance that existed before means of which the leader of the parliamentary party was sustained by right-wing union leaders, had not been restored. This did not mean that the Government's policy was immediately threatened: the support that the unions did offer was sufficient for that purpose: But the accumulating evidence of left-wing influence—a rebellious NEC and constituency pressure against a number of right-of-centre MPs, as well as the Blackpool shambles—has undermined the party's position in the coun-

mined the party's position in the country and threatened its long-term stability. Unless Mr Callaghan's attitude was to be one of après moi le déluge, something had to be done.

To be effective any campaign of recovery from the right has to be waged at a number of different levels. The most important of these is at the top to bosses in its fullness. The parliamentary leadership is always liable to be in trouble with the party in the country, given the nature of the party's consistent

block votes of the major unions. So Mr Callaghan and his aides have been having discussions with the purpose of persuading union leaders to lend their support in the intra-party bartles.

The principal objective is to switch the majority on the NEC. It is calculated that this will take more than one year. To persuade the unions to make any big changes in their voting for the trade union section of the NEC takes some doing because there are so many longstanding obligations of one sort or

But union votes are also decisive in the women's section where four out or the five now elected are left-wingers. It is here that attention is directed. The idea is to concentrate on knocking out Miss Joan Maynard and Mrs Renee Short this year. That would not be enough to change the balance on the committee, but it would be a useful

The parliamentary party should on the face of it give little anxiety to the right and centre. There has never been left-wing majority in the PLP; the Manifesto Group was set up two years ago to counteract the influence of the Tribunites in the Commons, which it has done with some success; and even if a few right-wingers were hounded out of Parliament by their constituency zealors that would still leave the balance virtually unchanged.

But politicians are not always noted for their dauntless courage and surpris ing things can happen when they feel the tide going in the opposite direction, especially when they know that there is only a limited amount that their fellow MPs can do to protect them in their own constituencies.

It has been obvious for some time. therefore, that some rallying point needs to be found for right and centre nembers of the party in the country if the pressures of the left are to be resisted. The Social Democratic Alliance set out to do that, much to the horror of the Manifesto Group who never had

leading Manifesto members, the secretary, Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, and a vice-chairman, Mr John Cartwright, are organizing a meeting in London tomorrow to try to do the job more effec-

This is not a Manifesto initiativethe group has always been careful to restrict its activities to Westminster-but, though rumblings of disquier have been heard from some members, at its meet-ing on February 9 the group formally welcomed the calling of tomorrow meeting. It is to be chaired by Mr William Rodgers, the Minister of Transport, who is still remembered as the organizer of the Campaign for Democratic Socialism which recaptured the

party for Gaitskell.

But the present operation had an inauspicious start with news of the meeting being disclosed prematurely. That came from sending an invitation to a Tribune supporter, Mr Andrew Kennedy, chairman of the party's East Midland's regional council, in the belief

Yet while there has been a touch of farce about the opening moves, this is a serious and potentially important development. Between 100 and 150 people have been invited, principally Labour councillors but also constituence officers and local trade union officials. They will have to choose between a number of options, ranging from setting up a permanent organization of some sort—assuming that the money could be found—to doing nothing.

There are a number of dangers in an enterprise of this nature. The first is that only a derisory number of people will turn up. Presumably that is why the meeting in advance: a turn-out of fewer than 50 would be a distinct anticliman that would damage the morale of the moderates. So would it if the meeting cannot agree to do anything. There is the opposite risk of doing

too much. In a party that abounds with conspiracies, and therefore with sus-picions of conspiracy, it might well be

blown organization with branch. country on the Tribune model What is needed is a means ing the right and centre in the by making people of that po-realize that they are not also psychological is as important practical effect. For that re publication of a regular by would seem to be an option t stand a good chance. Now, past, this has been shown t effective means of providing point for people of similar vi perhaps there will be a Moder dency" to rival the

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tendency". How good then are the ch a resurgence of the right and Much better than might be from all the reports of the left In any major party there mu-be a considerable hidden adva those who would keep it from too far away from the broad n of public opinion. There is ce weird mixture of motives w. party, but Labour supporters oblivious of the need to win Nor are trade union leaders a

extremists with no practical ser But much will depend in fi as in so many others, on what, to the economy. The emp tomorrow's meeting will be on ing support for the Gove policies. But what if these are have failed by the time of election? Will the right then a have fought a gallant cam defence of positions that mos people will have to regard, r wrongly, as indefensible?

The moderates have most got to fight the organization, but their success in that influenced partly by the Governecord and partly by their own to develop a distinctive philos the years ahead.

Geoffrey (

Are examinations the right way to see whether schools are doing their job?

The great debate has come full circle for three grand septu-sgenarians of English education. They are: Lord Eccles, the longest-serving and, with the possible exception of Lord

Butler of Saffron Waldon, the most far-sighted education minister we have had since 1944; Lord Alexander of Potterhill, general secretary of the Association of Education Committees since 1945, and who until 1973 was the most effec-tive voice in English education, and Sir Ronald Gould, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers (1947 to 1970), the architect behind the ascendancy of Britain's largest teaching

In recent separate interviews

with The Times Lord Eccles recommended the creation of a "think-tank" for the Department of Education and Science; Lord Alexander advocated formal resting of children aged eight, and a return of the 11 what I have felt with almost plus examination (not for Schools Certificate for children aged 16; and Sir Ropald warned that a return to formal testing would re-open old wounds and would be bitterly resented by the teachers. He called instead for priority to be given to teacher-training.
In 1962 Lord Eccles pro-

claimed in a remarkable speech in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, the setting up by the department of its own study group on the curriculum. The decision was acclaimed by The Times Educational Supplement as a historic move towards a French centralist system of education. Sir Ronald was reported in The Times as would not do any harm. Two months later Eccles want out ing about the Schools Council, in the "night of the long knives". The study group disappeared with him. By the time Sir Edward (now Lord)
Boyle bad settled in at the ministry, nothing was heard of but bad advice."

Lord Eccles is bluntly scathing about the Schools Council, the Government's advisory body on the curriculum, which in 1965 replaced his idea. He time Sir Edward (now Lord)
Boyle bad settled in at the ministry, nothing was heard of welcoming the ides as one that

it, and all the talk was of a somebody or other. You can for English and mathematics it Labour members rais schools Council.

Labour members rais hands in horror, Indee Fifteen years later Eccles' plan has come back into vogue. Last aurumn a parliamentary select committee castigated the Department of Education and Science for not having a proper research unit and poured scorn on the idea of the then permanent secretary that the research role should be carried out at

the end of the day by civil ser-vants with their thinking-caps on. Following this report Mrs Shirley Williams announced the setting up of a departmental study group to look at public examinations in the sizeth form. For the National Union of Teachers this is the thin end of the Eccles' wedge, particularly as she is also try-ing to get the Schools Council more under her thumb.

Over China tea and buttered tea-cakes in the House of Lords the other day, Lord Eccles did not receil that his research plan had aroused opposition

inspectorate stop altogether. We did not need them any more; the local authorities could carry out authorities could carry out their own inspections of buildings. I wanted the 400 inspectors taken out of the building and made into a proper research and development branch for the whole education system. They had all been practising teachers and had travelled around the world and the country looking at schools and colleges. I did not want my research and development branch full of educational pundits—professors with bees in their bonners. In my experience they never gave anything

who are always looking over their shoulders to see what the people they represent would

He believes that the doubling of the numbers in the teaching profession has raised its overall incompetence to a point where the general public can no longer have confidence that they can be left to do the job. The National Union of Teachers itself is run by run-of-the-mill

teachers.
"Somebody in authority" he "has to have some say over the degree to which the education system does service the obvious needs of society. I do not know of any big industry which can get on without research and development department

The Schools Council, however, neatly fits Lord Alexander's philosophy of balance in the control of the education system between central government local government and the teachers. "It should be the most important instrument for the development of the opera-tion of the education system." He sees it as the proper re-

search unit. Lord Alexander said: "There is a real danger that the Gov-ernment will interfere too much. In the past the teachers may have been unreasonable. but now the Secretary of State may be unreasonable. At the moment the Government have decided they must prescribe comprehensive schools. They are supported by consensus opinion. They are wondering whether they should prescribe minimum requirements relating to some organization—if not all organization—of the curriculum. This is open to argument. When in 1944 they prescribed minimum hours for religious education a week, there was not a school in England which dis-agreed with that. Now if they laid down three hours a week

Some schools need to teach

more; others need to teach less.
Teaching staff must be left free
to decide largely what to teach
and how to teach it. It is a very difficult thing to apply a com-mon core to all children in all schools. There is a general con-sensus that the teaching of reading, writing and numbers must be taught in all primary schools. When you start talking about prescribing standards it

whom? If you prescribe a com-mon standard some children reach it and others will be held down to a standard which they could exceed without trying. Sir Ronald Gould's fond

memories of Lord Eccles might cool a little if he heard him alking frankly now. Sir Ronald has for the past six years been devoting a great deal of time to looking after garden and home in Southgate, North London. " I looking after garden and home in Southgate, North London. "I don't get very bitter these days", he said "but my backles do rise occasionally when I read some of the things they are saying about the standards are saying about the standards

are saying about the standards of teachers today."

Conceding that some bad apples had landed in the teaching barrel, he said the fault lay mainly with the department for allowing untrained teachers, with no "O" sometimes with no levels, to enter the profession, and with the inspectorate who encouraged them to practise about educational nostra which substituted activity for basic

But on central control, he said: "I don't like the control of education being in a limited number of hands. I don't want to see either examinations or the Schools Council controlled by the Government. This would be a very retrograde step. I is rather remarkable that this suggestion should come from a Labour Government. When Eccles raised the question of a curriculum group some of the hands in horror. Inde Marjorie Mackintosh (coof the Inner London E Authority) said it was towards Hitlerian. For Lords Alexand

Eccles the way she clearly in the direc formal testing. Lord A wants reading tests for aged eight to see if th' learns the basic skills. I believe that the examination, which was a selective instrument. be . reintroduced b authorities as a surve ment. Secondary schoevidence of children': and attainments, in English arithmetic. It is the codoing its job ".

Lord Alexander a secondary school need century. You need a var-teacher. It needs in tuition. We cannot

For the benefit of exists form colleges and education. Lord A. recommends a school examination at 16: To Sir Ronald all. anathems. He said the should read Matthew who was busy inspecting Arnold warned, Sir Ros that any system of monitoring could only lished by payment sults. It would lead to: teaching for examination the continuous else. "You cot have a very disgraph to the profession."

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The Times Diary

All a matter of interpretation

wheels of international gatherings. Some 200 of them are holding their biennial confer-ence in London this week to discuss such topics as rates of pay and the ever-increasing number of languages which conference delegates insist on speaking.
One thing the Geneva-based

Conference Interpreters does not need at its conference is interpreters; and business is conducted in English or French. and naturally everyone under-stands. But because of what the retiring German president, Reinhard Lochner, calls the "linguistic democratization of the world", there is no short-age of work in the conference halls
"English and French are

widely used as international languages, but more and more countries are insisting on using their own tongues, especially in committees of the big international organizations said Lochner. Portuguese is going to be a big up-and-coming language, and Chinese and Arabic are gaining ground."

Portuguese is the language of Portugal, Brazil, Angola and Mozambique, and the latter two have been taking a greater part in international affairs since each other they would never they ceased to be Portuguese agree. colonies. The interpreters are

Lochner thinks that the time

we will need teams of 30 to 40 interpreters to handle the EEC meetings, and there are just not the facilities." Interpreting facilities at the Commission headquarters were only im-proved when the linguists. threatened to strike over their cramped quarters.

Work comes from unlikely sources, Jennifer Mackintosh, a vice-president of the Associa-tion who is fluent in English, French and German, travels twice a year to interpret at the bi-lingual parliament of bi-lingual parliament of Cameroun. The parliament of provide anyone qualified in pidgin English.

Interpreters realize the importance of their craft. Alexandre Bernstein of France, who leads the Association's negotiations on pay and con-ditions with the United Nations, remarked that his fellow-countryman Baudelaire once said that the world survived on misunderstandings, and that if everyone always understood

Lochner thought that the ready for them at an average future employment prospects fee of between £50 and £80 a were rosy. The world, in the past generation, has learned to conferences instead of is not far off when the inter-confrontations." That may be preting task at the European so, but the recent Rhodesia Community headquarters in conference was hardly a spec-Community headquarters in conference was hardly a spec-Brussels could get quite out of tacular success. "Ah." said

I am reassured to read what Colin Murison Small says in his travel firm's latest cruise brochure: "After three sumseen in a large proportion of seen in a large proportion of Aegean and Ionian Sea ports. This summer we are not break-ing new wind."

Impaired

An astonishing exemplar of pair of gym-shoes there, the better to enjoy the sands, discovered on close examination that while his right shoe was made in Pakistan, the left one had been manufactured in

> When he went hotfoot back to the shop to inquire about this extraordinary lack of coincidence, all he could discover was that the shoes had proved so popular that they were now sold out. He was offered his money, 750, back.
> "This is quite extraordin-

> ary", said a spokesman for the National Shoe Retailers' Council. "I have never heard of such a thing before. I wonder if there is something diabolic-ally clever at the back of all this that I cannot quite think

Brussels could get quite out of tacular success. "Ah." said of at the moment".

hand. "If some of those Lochner philosophically, "But He hurried off to confer with southern European states, like they did not have interpreters, the director-general of the Turkey, become EEC members, did they?"

British Shoe Manufacturers'

Association in case there was. "We like to afford proper protection to the home shoe manufacturing industry who have suffered unworthily from unfair competition in the past ". he explained.
Further discussions, with a

trade magazine and two leading shoe importers, allayed fears of an international conspiracy to undermine the British plimsoll.

"Many suppliers are having shoes made up in different countries at the same time", said the 'importers. "They would most likely be imported in process of course of would most likely be imported
in pairs of course—in polythene bags, which have
presumably burst open in
storage. In marrying the shoes
up again, they inadvertently put
a Pakistani with a Malaysian.
It sounds like a typical warehouse error". Quite a relief.

Unlovely.

The Merry-makers of British Rail's London Midland region are going on an uncharacteristically gloomy outing. Tucked away in the region's plans to take jolly trippers on happy ex-cursions to seaside resorts and beauty spots all round the country is a scheme for a D. H. Lawrence Tour on the last Saturday in March.

a tour of the Lawrence country around Eastwood, where Lawrence described the homes as "small begrimed brick houses with black slate roofs for lids, sharp angles and wilful blank

They will be able to visit Lawrence's birthplace, still gas-lit and furnished as it was when Lawrence's drunken father staggered home to upset his fireside bath and shame his wife. At Lawrence's later home, in Garden Road, the original water had to turn people away. The



but, British Rail apologize, "unfortunately the latter is subject to vandalism " Nor will they see the Notting-

Trippers who take the 9.05 ham warehouse where Lawrence to Nottingham will be treated to translated letters about surgical appliances and contracted pneumonia. That was knocked down in 1960. But they will be able to peer through binoculars two pairs provided—at Haggs Farm, the home of Jessie Cham-bers, Miriam in Sons and Lovers, and at Eastwood Library they will see Lawrence's head-

"In fact", say London Midland, "we did an excursion like this in October last year, and it was such a succession woman to join family to in, all needs found." it was such a success that we

Last week I commented in this with of many of the lyrid is should wit of many of the lyrid is should be not songs, as performed by the polynomial songs, as performed by the poser Arthur Schwar Arthur Arthur American embassy and the party. Wit is generall by the party. Wit is generall by the party barries aims have a simple series are series at the series at the series are series at the series a in modern lyrics aim have here mass is the here here. Y find that a here here. nusophisticated mass Is to the disc.

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WELCOME FOR MURDER

in investigation into the of the Anglican arch-Dr Jenani Luwum, and ters Orvenia and Obothhould be sternly The International should Jurists are to have said already, weryone undoubtedly that the three men issinated under cover of accident. The Jurists us have disqualified es for the task. There rs who could hold the to his word and the evidence. Probwould not be allowed The President may de the offer to have to say. When he s, his complicity in en's deaths may be to be as certain as his

y in the hijacking atand in the thousands barbarous killings that reginie. ong presumption must Amin's army security ok the job over after ident had shown his b the Archbishop, who, r bishops, had rightly otesting about the army murderously

curity of life, and the the civilian population. bishop had threatened peaceful march from drai supplicating proom the military thugs. for him, a mere to him in captured

regime, regime, documents which vaguely incriminated the two ministers tamong the first and staunchest of General Amin's supporters) put the army into

It is possible that the plot, emanating from Ugandan exiles in Tanzania, did exist. Many efforts, all in vain, have been made to get rid of the tyrant. That is not surprising. On his record, it is not reprehensible. But it is inconceivable to those who knew him, as Dr Coggan said yesterday, that Archbishop Luwum was involved.

It needs to be remembered that the vast majority of Ugandans Ugandans are Christians, Anglican or Roman Catholic. At first General Amin gave them assurances. But for some years he has put his trust in the Moslem minority, about five per cent of the total, and including many expatriates from Palestine, the Sudan and Zaire. They now hold all the key positions, and have a zealot as well as economic interest in terrorizing the majority of all tribes and denominations. As Professor Ali Mazrui presciently noted in African Affairs recently, pendulum of revenge" has been set swinging, with an appalling prospect, for the family and tribal blood feuds that Amin has provoked are many and deadly, and reach back to

Britain. The President's extraordinary announcement, coterminously with these events, that he

Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference and the Jubilee, must be considered in its context. The invitation to him to attend is automatic, a Commonwealth convention. But Mr Callaghan and the Foreign Office must be left in no doubt that the convention breaks down in this situation. Public opinion would find the attendance of President Amin quite intolerable. He would be received with open hostility, for he would be known to be responsible for murder, indeed so far as Acholi is concerned, for genocide.

Any government which honoured him here would be in jeopardy, and his presence might be a death blow to Commonwealth good relations. The Foreign Office must realize that the President's security could not be guaranteed and might be hard to ensure. At the very least the Ugandan exiles here could be expected to harass him with legal actions, which would embarrass him, his hosts, the other guests, and mar the occasion. Since reactions in Africa (especially during a conference in which Rhodesia may again be divisive) at any untoward happening might be incalculable, it is desirable to persuade General Amin that he is personally unwelcome -the invitation is a recognition of the Uganda that was, and everyone hopes will be again. African reactions to such an exclusion may be heated, but they are the lesser evil. Amin has excluded himself from London in Tune 1977.

UILLOTINE FOR UNFAIR VOTES

motion on the und Wales Bill. Having motion the ts second reading, the king exceedingly slow in committee and its f reaching the statute t be negligible unless a guillotine at some iis presents a verv choice, however, to to believe in the There are a number of imfor a measure of

devolution in ary meet the expectations been aroused in but also believe that dangerous defects in n Bill.

ects are not in general to be beyond amendmmittee. That is why it to vote for the Bill reading, not simply re of principle but as legislative action. had indicated that ld not respond to amendments in commy narrow spirit, and ned reason to hope ecessary improvements made. They have not committee stage has appointment. Not only ne of the Bill's wasted time as but the Government shown the flexibility hsolutely necessary.
t a guillotine before

of time before the be for the House of Commons nt introduced a to sacrifice their best opportunity to bring effective pressure to bear. Parliament would be handing over its strongest bargaining counter in return for nothing. The Government would be given the means to ram through this Bill without another thought of its defects. That is not the way to do business with Ministers.

provements that need to be made, but only two that must be regarded as conditions for a guillotine: a proportional system of representation as the method of electing the assemblies and improved arrangements for financing them. These are not small matters. If the first-past-the-post system of election is used, with anything like the present division of opinion in Scotland between the three main parties there, it will make a lottery of power in the Assembly. It would he quite possible for one partyfor any of the three-to have an overall majority of seats with little more than a third of the votes. If that party was the SNP it would be given a mandate to put the future of the United Kingdom in jeopardy, nor by the democratic will of the Scotrish people but by a quirk of the electoral process. The proposed system of election directly hazards the unity of the United been any worth-while Kingdom-that is the measure of

the irresponsibility of the Gov-

ernment in this matter.
If the proposed method of financing the assemblies were to be put into operation the chances for the SNP to promote political conflict would also be maximized. The possibility would be strong enough even if the SNP were not in office. There are two objections to the proposed system of financing: rhe assemblics are to be given no revenue-raising powers of their own and the method of determining the size of the block grant from the Treasury is a prescription for semi-public political haggling year by year. If that happens the Union might be put in danger in that way as

well. But it does not need to hap-It is not a necessary pen. consequence of the Bill. Changes could be made in both the method of election and the system of financing without endangering the essential purposes of the Bill. Those purposes remain valid. The case for devolution as a necespolitical response to Scottish opinion is as strong as ever. It would be desirable to pass this Bill with the appropriate changes. But finance and the method of election go to the heart of any assembly; so long as the proposals for them threaten the future of the United Kingdom the Government should be denied their guilloting.

NTISTS MUST DEFEND THEIR OWN RIGHTS

tend to be very alone it is the legitimate concern ver how to react to ressure on scientists in itries. Some feel they ight to meddle in the affairs of foreign ome feel that if there rotest it is better convately than publicly. ue with great convicst pushing protest to where contacts with itries are broken, or nal hodies split. Some judgment on the

lat there is no way of ig objectively the : regarded as intolerthat scientists should cience and leave polie politicians. And of ome scientists have ed with totalitarian and others have been he point of cowardice. lebates, are now becomt to resolve for two asons. First, it is more obvious to more hat scientific work in checking and crossacross international which means that must be free to pubad what others publish, et each other. If they ated from doing this it y they themselves who r even only their own ut the entire intertraffic in scientific For this reason

of all scientists when one of their number is prevented from working, publishing or travelling. Secondly, a body of interna-tional law is now accumulating

which provides an objective scale against which the domestic laws and general behaviour of individual countries can be measured. This has been set out and examined in a new report. Scholarly Freedom and Human Rights, published yesterday by the Council for Science and Society in collaboration with the British Institute of Human Rights.

The situation, argues the report, is now radically different from what it was before 1948, when international law was for practical purposes little more than an academic discipline and some people could argue that the conduct of the Nazis towards their own citizens was, while morally abhorrent, legally defensible. Now there is "a tolerably comprehensive list of substantive rules and principles which can be correctly described as 'international human rights

The list includes the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and

Cultural Rights, the Declaration the Rights of Scientific Workers, the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and more.

The problem, of course, is how to enforce these rights where there is no international machinery for the purpose. Here the report invokes the remedy of self-help, comparing the state of affairs in the international community with that of early societies where laws and courts had not yet developed.

Thinking along these lines should assist bodies such as the Royal Society and the Royal College of Psychiatrists when debating what to do about the political persecution of scientists, improper behaviour by doctors, for instance, in east or west. In most cases there are no longer grounds for debating whether to act, only how to act. The report discusses possibilities ranging from private protests through public protests to boycotts and sanctions of several kinds, commenting rightly that public protest is normally much more effective than private

representations. Scientists now have growing power over governments, especially where their services contribute directly to military defence or industrial progress. They should not be too hesitant about using this power to defend human rights.

Yours etc. MAX MORRIS. Coolhurst Road, N8.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public Records Office suggested, at least to me, that Churchill did not

get out-argued, as the penpous The Times leader blandly states. He was politically out-manoeuvred and isolated. Not, I agree, "tricked", but then standards have changed since 1925, even in the Treasury.

Incidentally, it is interesting to compare Churchill's profound concern over unemployment with the cavalier indifference of The Times, 2; shown in The Times "alternation" correspondent less response to the cavaling of the cavaling the cava

tive" strategy revealed last year.

In my experience, the deliberate, calculated, lie or distortion was not

uncommon currency in civil servant dealings with Ministers. Since Ministers are not responsible for

an Oxbridge graduate, of course, at

In conclusion, one notes that The Times leader fails to contradict Joe Haines' description of a classic Civil Service gambit—the late paper

to Cabinet or to a Minister, and the "coincidental" pressure, that according to the officials can "only leave one option". Joe Raines has

described just one use of this gambit. There were others.

Sir, Mr Kenneth Baker, in the

letter you published today (February 15), wrote of the Bourbons in

the Treasury and the Mafia in the Cabiner Office. Please tell us when

and how they outsed the Mandarins. It is no wonder that some Scots and Welsh want devolution. Meanwhile it is high time that the Treasury was reorganized, so that at least the

collect their wages, they had to sign

two documents. One was the cus-

and condemnation of Charter 77.

It was clearly indicated, they added, that unless they signed the protest

they would not get the money. So they signed. But they were ashamed of their action and that's why they had come to visit Mr Kohout now.

Would he accept their explanation;

would he tell them that he under-stood; and would he have a glass

of wine with them and accept the rest of the wine as a token of their admiration for his courage.

Pavel Kohout said he understood and drank the workers' health.

way to libraries where, in institu-tional hands, they would continue to be available to scholars.

In the same way, while it would be tragic if the Mentmore collec-tions should be sold, they have

never been available to the public

in their present home anyway. One

benefit of their dispersal which nobody seems to have noticed would

be that some, perhaps many, of them would go to museums in Bri-tain and abroad where for the first time they could be seen and enjoyed

Executive Secretary.

American Society for Eighteenth-

by a large audience. Yours faithfully,

P. J. KORSHIN.

Box 310

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, GEORGE MIKES, 1b Dorncliffe Road, SW6.

February 11.

control

raries' network.

a cocktail party.

Yours faithfully,

ADRIAN HAM.

Crouch Hill, N4.

From Mr P. G. Drazin

organized, so that at English were in o

Westminster.

Bristol.

Yours faithfully,

P. G. DRAZIN, 24 Kersteman Road,

The power of civil servants

From Mr Adrian Ham

Sir, Having worked as Special Assistant to the Chancellor of the Exchequer from March 1974 to March 1976, and having been completely uninvolved in the workings of Sir Harold Wilson's Political Office, it seems to me that I could usefully comment on The Times leader of February 15, entitled "Where Mr Haines is Mistaken".

This leader attempted to pour scorn on Joe Haines' revelation of a classic Treasury "ambush", as well as to make various pious, and inaccurate observations on the workings of the Civil Service. It was of course not just Joe Haines and Richard Crossman who believed that the Civil Service had its own political viewpoints that it fought and connived to achieve.

connived to achieve.

This behaviour is also recorded in the books of Heclo and Wildavsky (The Private Government of Public Money); Martin Gilbert's Biography of Churchill, Vol. II; recent newspaper articles by Professor Red Hirsch of by Professor Fred Hirsch, of Warwick University, and Peter Jonkins of The Guardian; Roger Opic in The Making of Economic Policy, edited by Hugh Thomas and Anthony Blond; in Sam Brittan's Scering the Economy—and so on. It is particularly amusing that the writer of The Times leader in question should say, I quote, "One does not hear any complaints from the Churchills, the Bevins or the Macleods about over mighty officials, although they must have all received advice from time to time with which they strongly disagreed".

Apart from the obvious reason why one does not hear any such complaints, the comment must be made that there is written evidence of at least Churchill's attitude to the Treasury officials—to quote his brilliant memorandum of February 22. 1925, when he was Chancellor to Sir Otto Niemeyer, a very senior Treasury official:
"The Governor shows himself

perfectly happy in the spectacle of Britain possessing the finest credit in the world simultaneously with a million and a quarter unemployed. . . This is the only
country in the world where this
condition exists. The Treasury and the Bank of England Policy has been the only policy consistently pursued. It is a terrible respons-ibility for those who have shaped

it. ... "You and the Governor have managed this affair. Taken together I expect you know more about it than anyone else in the world At any rate, alone in the world you have had an opportunity over a definite period of years of seeing your policy carried out. That it is a great policy, greatly pursued, I have no doubt. But the fact that this island with its enormous resources is unable to maintain its population is surely a cause for the deepest heart searching."
I quote this at length since it

illustrates starkly how much Churchili realized he was in the

Charter 77 From Mr George

Sir, I cannot, for obvious reasons, indicate my source but please take my word for it that this story is

absolutely authentic.

A few days ago Pavel Kohout's (who is one of the prominent signatories of Charter 77) doorbell rang in Prague. This usually means the police nowadays so Kohout opened the door very reluctantly. He found a group of workers standing in the corridor, all rather sheepish and all holding a bottle of wine. One of them asked if they could come in.

They told Kohous that they were a delegation from their factory and represented many—but certainly not all—of their colleagues. On the previous Friday, when they went to

The future of Mentmore

From Professor Paul J. Kershin Sir, Mr Simon Houfe is right (February 8) to use the impending sale of Mentmore to call attention to the possible dispersal of John Evelyn's library. But it does neither the Save Mentmore cause nor the future of the Evelyn library any good to prognosticate that their as yet unknown (and, at this stage, still putative) purchasers may be United States institutions with an "imper-sonal, rapacious style of collecting".

While it is certainly true that museums and libraries in the United States have made numerous purchases at many British sales, today's straitened acquisitions budgets permit little rapacity. Whatever the fate of Evelyn's books, it is likely that most of them will find their

From Professor D. M. Mennie

Sir, Ever since the Rockall question arose again, I have been worrying about what the authoritative text

of the Irish Republic's claim—in that country's first language, Isish

that country's first language, Isish Gaelic, of course—would call the disputed territory. Now Terence Prittie (February 11) has set my mind at rest; it looks like being the term used for Terence Prittie's "Island of the Blest" (more usually "Land of Promise of the Saints") in the venerable Irish translation of the Maniagio Scri Brendani

the Navigatio Scti Brendani.
When it comes to the translation

when it comes to the translation of the Irish claim into the Irish Republic's second language — English—it looks as if "Rockall" will have to be used. But that, alas, has nothing to do with "rock" for it is an anglicization via the Dutch

sea charts of the territory's Scots Gaelic name, sgurr rocaile, " pointed

rock of screaming", a clear reference to the crying of the sea birds

of Scots Gaelic words derived from Old Scandinavian hröker, "a rook", a group of which there is no sign in my Irish dictionaries. In other

words, etymology proves that the

territory was named by the Scots who lived near it, were familiar

with it, and succoured the sailors who got wrecked on it and made in

their lifeboats for the nearest

St Kildans and Uistmen as these

The word rocaile is one of a group

that fly around it.

inhabited land.

Rockall

Bryn Mawr, Pa. 19010, USA. second one. The territory is second one. The territory is thus very much a Scottish off shore island, an integral part of Scotland associated with the life and caritative activity of Hebridean crofter-fishermen, Surely the Irish Republic will not reject the syidence of Calcic while

reject the evidence of Celtic philo-logy! To do so would be enough to make the Institute of Advanced Studies sink into the ground with shame and cause another nasty gap in Merion Square. Yours sincerely,

D. M. MENNIE, Princes Avenue Newcastle-upon-Tyne. February 15.

From Professor Mark Williamson From Professor Mark Williamson

Sir, In case anyone takes Mr
Prittie (February 11) seriously, may
I point out that the nearest land
to Rockall is Gob a' Ghaill, on the
island of Soay (where the sheep
come from) in the St Kilda group?
Parts of the mainland of Britain are
closer to Rockall than any parts of
County Londonderry. The Scottish
islands of North and South Uist,
Benbecula and parts of Skye, Lewis
and Harris (including the town of
Tarbert) are closer to Rockall than
any part of County Donegal.

any part of County Donegal.

Rockall is a long way out to sea,
further from St Kilda than York is from London, but nevertheless much closer to the Hebrides than to Ireland.

Yours faithfully. MARK WILLIAMSON, The Old House, 4 Fulford, Scots were, they performed the naming in the sole language they knew, which is, of course, Scotland's York,

Higher fees for overseas students

هَكُذًا مِن الرُّصل

From the President of the National hands of his officials. A careful reading of the collection of docu-ments in T170/1499B from the Union of Students Sir, Your editorial on February 16

reflects the unhealthy pre-occupaits own doorstep, notably at the London School of Economics. You may not be aware that there have been similar occupations, neither more nor less significant than that at LSE, in at least eight other higher education institutions in the country and at more than one mile's radius of your London offices. In ddition, student unions have been raising, by different areas, their bitter hostility to the recent fees increases in almost every university and polytechnic in the country. Not all have occupied, but many have taken some form of demonstrative action. Sit-ins are not "industrial disputes a; student unions are not trade unions and students are not in employment. What these actions, however, reflect is the genuine strength of feeling that exists in the student body against discrimina-tion or any decisions which might encourage racism.

Ministers are not responsible for major appointments in their own departments, it is of course very difficult for them to do very much about this kind of thing. In fact, one of the greatest sins it appears that a Permanent Secretary can commit is to let his Minister in on some confidence concerning official business passed on through the "unofficial" Permanent Secretaries' network. LSE is, however, a special case in one sense only. The spread of its overseas students is quite untypical of the national pattern. Eighty per cent of overseas students in our educational institutions come from "Third small". To whom does their lovalty lie? I often asked myself while in contact with them. The most indicative comment I heard was made by a bright young Treasury "filer". from "Third world" countries which desperately need economic and educational assistance in order to develop and so improve the material conditions of their inhabitants. Over half the overseas students in this country are doing "The longer I work at the Treasury", he said, "and talk to the people here, the more I lose confidence in the man in the courses at less than degree level and the overwhelming majority of these, as of those on degree eval courses or higher still, are studying confidence in the man in the street." The attitude, expressed quite seriously, seems to me also to be prevalent in The Times writings, particularly on economic affairs. The loyalty is certainly not to the ordinary Strion. in technical and science-based courses necessary to strengthen

the economic infrastructure. The reason they come here, and to other developed countries, is that there are no adequate educational resources at higher level in their own countries. As we know from our own industrial revolution, educational and rechaical institutions grow along with economic development, not shead of it. In contrast to all this overseas students at LSE are not as technically based as the national picture, they come in much greater proportion from the wealthy industrial world, and they are almost all on very high-level academic courses. Addition-ally, LSE has tended to see itself "youth training ground future world leaders and this is

not generally the case. the last century British industry has extracted much wealth for our private sector from the countries of the "undereloped" world. We should now be paying this back in real rely. There should be no mistake that the proposed fees changes of Mrs Williams will seriously set back our future inter-national relations and tie us into

the noose of economic complacency.

And all this is quite apart from
the hardship created for society.
Yours faithfully, CHARLES CLARKE, President, National Union of Students, 3 Endsleigh Street, WC1, February 17.

From Mr John Burton-Page Sir, May I reinforce the plea of the Vice-Chancellor of York University (February 15) for abolishing the oversea students fees differential from the point of view of a teacher of an oriental subject? session I have lost one brilliant Indian graduate, a teacher in Delhi University, simply because she could not afford the enhanced fee, and returned home with her PhD un-

completed. And in my under graduate classes I have, for the first time in 26 years, no Indians; Pakistanis, Bangladeshis or Sinhalesé at all. These South Asian students were the life blood of all South Asian teaching for not only did they benefit from the western training for which they had come to England but enriched the understanding of their British classmates with their own invaluable comments drawn from personal experience and trains ing. In their absence their teachers-

and their erstwhile fellow-students are the losers. These students used to come supported by their own savings or by-family sacrifices; occasional govern ment-supported students were rarely their equal, and—in spite of official disclaimers—nepotism rather than scholarship often dictated their selection. Oriental scholarship selection. needs, now more than ever, the vitality and freshness of the independent oriental student; it does no one any good to price him out of our university system.

Yours sincerely JOHN BURTON-PAGE. The Athenaeum. Pall Mall, SW1. February 15.

From Mr Roger Buckley Sir, Your editorial on "How to i lose friends and influence" fails, to explain how British postgradut ates, other than those receiving a government award, can afford uni-, versities in the future.

The result inevitably will be a decline in the number of Eritich. postgraduates, as the announced. fee increases are clearly beyond the reach of all but the realthiest poctgraduates attempting to finance themselves.

Is this what the government' wants? Is this what the universities want? Yours sincerely, ROGER BUCKLEY, 35 Palace Gardens Terrace, W8. February 16.

The Runnymede Trust From Lord Campbell of Eskan, and

Sir, All your readers concerned with the vital subject of race rela-tions will be aware of the invalu-able work of the Runnymede Trust The Trust has been a roics of objective reason and salm analysis throughout the last diffi-cult decade when determined efforts have been made to turn race into an area of major social conflict.

Your readers may not, however, be aware that Runnwmede is in imminent danger of haring to close down through lack of financial support. A small number of charitable organizations have given generous help in the past. But active concern about this delicate

and increasingly important issue has been contined to a few, on whose resources increasing demands are being made.

Although we do not believe that it is a cause appropriate for a public appeal, we can hardly believe that there are no foundations or organizations who could not com bine to produce the £70,000 a year, for three years, needed to enthe Trust to complete at least the present phase of its work. Yours faithfuily, CAMPBELL OF ESKAN.

BOYLE OF HANDSWORTE: ... ADRIAN CADBURY. TTREVOR HUDDLESTON CR. P. B. MEDAWAR, The Runnymede Trust. 62 Chandos Place, WC2.

February 7.

West End parking From the President of the Society

West End Theatre Sir, In view of the recent correspondence in your columns con-cerning South Bank parking I should like to draw your readers' attention to the problems which also exist in the West End of London. It is not this Society's intention to comment on the GLC's policy of deterring car commuters, but we should like to point our the com-plex problems facing anyone who attempts to use his car to mavel to the theatre or restaurant for an

the theatre of restaurant for an evening out in the West End.

The general reduction in parking spaces, coupled with the refusal to provide more off-street parking and pedestrianization of certain areas, all give the car-travelling public a bazardous task. While London

Transport may or may not provide an adequate service during normal business hours, it is generally accepted that the service during the theatre industry's "normal hours" is far from satisfactory.

Surely there is no used to add a parking problem to all the other burdens which are placed on the theatre. Would it not be preferable for the planners to make available the existing off-street car parks at a reduced rate during evenings—as happens in the National Theatre's new car park-rather than to be devising schemes whereby long term parking may be penalized? Yours faithfully, DAVID CONVILLE,

President, The Society of West End Theatre, Bedford Chambers, King Street, Covent Garden, WC2.

Human rights in Argentina

From the Director of Amnesty International British Section
Sir, In his article on Argentina in
The Times on February 10, Andrew
Tarnowski conveys impressions
about human rights in that country
which I feel should be corrected.
Whilst it may be true that
reports of killings by right wing
death squads "vanished in December", it is important to note that
political killings in Argentina also
include deaths in armed clashes
with the authorities—some of which
appear to be one-sided to say the
least—and the shooting of prisoners
while in transit between prisons, as International British Section while in transit between prisons, as they allegedly try to escape. These continue in 1977.

Whilst of course we welcome whilst of course we welcome news of detention orders being lifted, we find that some of the 1800 mentioned by Tarnowski have not gone from their detention to freedom at all, but to a different type of detention pending their trial. And these trials, of course, will be by military gribunals backed by special laws with little competition in the world league of entireon. tion in the world league of arbitrary rule by military dictatorships... It would be churlish to reject Mr Tarnowski's optimism without good reason; but his persistent theme of government versus guerrillas demands a reminder that the main victims of repression, who

compile the 5-6,000 prisoners believed to be held today, are teachers, trade unionists, journalists, doctors and scientists. Yours faithfully,

DAVID SIMPSON, Director Amnesty International British Section 55 Theobald's Road, WC1 February 11.

Why April 5th

From Mr W. E. Evans

From Mr W. E. Evans
Sir, The letters published under this heading to date have only concerned themselves with the question how this date was arrived at.

I have been looking in vain for someone to answer the original question, namely why the practice of ending the tax year on this date has persisted so far into the twentieth century.

One had hoped that possibly some member of the Treasury or Inland Revenue could tell us the

Inland Revenue could tell us the reason for our being required to reason for our being required to perform the endless and pointless accountancy involved in apportioning our incomes to this date instead of simply entering the figures already standing in our records as at March 31. Does their silence suggest that there is in fact no rational explanation other than that it has been done this way as long as anyone can remember?

For some years my duties included asking other civil servants why they did things a certain way as a prelude to persuading them to do them more simply and efficiently. If there was a valid reason, someone was only too ready

reason, someone was only too ready to produce it, if only to show how well he knew his job. On the other hand, the answer "It has always been done this way" was an invariable indication that the product of the produc cedure concerned was antiquated, inefficient and ripe for change. Could it be that by their silence the Treasury and Inland Revenue agree that this applies to April 5? Yours faithfully,

W. E. EVANS, Maltings House, Malting Yerd, Wivenhoe, Colchester. February 15.

ech at Essex

Max Morris isgraceful attempt to preeith Joseph being heard University, whoever was bears all the hallmarks ite inspiration. It is yet cample of the campaign the operation of demo-itutions to which I drew my recent article in s (January 25). Its most pect, however, is that the nion appears to have been to declare the speaker on grata, thus presuming to a political society whom hear and whom it should illed generally this would

of course undermine the whole basis of democratic political life in the university.

Knowing the way the Trotskyites operate, I think it also quite likely that the attack was a deliberate provocation (secretly decided upon in the usual way) designed to encourage a counter attack by the university authorities, or even in higher places, on student umon autonomy in the hope that this would precipitate a new and major confrontation. There are many who will now be helped more persuasively to argue that student unions are unfit to be responsible for the spending of public money. This will all be grist to the Trotskyite will. I would expect the leaders of the

National Union of Students to understand this and therefore to repudiate immediately both the actions of the student hooligans and the perversion of democratic pro-

cedures encouraged by the Essex Union.

One final point needs to one timal point needs to be stressed. Though Sir Keith was greeted with cries of "fascist", the fascist methods were in fact employed by his opponents. There is a lesson to be learned here by those on the left prepared to look upon Trotskyism with benevolent



COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 17: His Excellency Monsieur Robert Vaes was re-ceived in audience today by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of Belgium to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied y the following members of the imbassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness: Mon-sieur Henri Perdieus (Minister Counsellor). Colonel E. L. Dewulf (Military, Naval and Air Attaché). Monsieur André Vokser (Minister Counsellor, Economic), Monsieur Christian Fellens (Counsellor, Cul-tural Affairs), Monsleur Roger Martin (Counsellor), Monsieur André Adam (Counsellor), Baron Thierry de Gruben (Second Secre-tary) and Monsieur Walter Lion (Artaché).

Madame Vaes had the honour of being received by Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness. Sir Michael Palliser (Permanent

Sir Michael Pailiser (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the bonour of bring received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips. was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Walting were in intendance.

nttendance.
Mr J. D. N. Barrland-Swann was
received in audience by Queen
Elizabeth The Queen Mother and
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, Counseliors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and
kissed hands upon his appointment
as British Ambassador at Ulan

Mrs Hartland-Swann bad the honour of being received by Her Majesty and Her Royal Highness. The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips presided this afternoon at a Meeting of The Women's Committee, The Queen's Silver Jublice Appeal.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 17: The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a Fastion Show in ald of St John Ambulance in Warwickshire at the Shire Hall, Warwick, this evening.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of the Queen's

Miss Susanna Cryer was 'in

The Duke of Kent, president of the RAF Benevolent Fund, will visit the Duke of Kent School at Yoolpit, Ewburst, on March 3. Birthdays today

Mr If. L. Beales, 88; Major Sir Harold Bibby, 88; Sir Arthur Harold Bibby, 88; Sir Arthur Bryant, 78; Miss Phyllis Calvert, 60; Miss Kay Hammond, 68; Sir Basil McFarland, 79; Sir Arthur Norman, 60; Sir Gilbert Roberts, 78; Sir Basil Todd-Jones, 79.

Latest appointments Latest appointments include: Air Vice-Marshai P. M. S. Hedge-land to be President of the Ordnance Board, Ministry of.

Defence from February 25. Mrs Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the Historic Buildings Council for England, to be a trustee of the Wallace Collection, in succession to Mr. C. B. Brocklehust.

Mr J. S. Cross to be a member of the Central Council for Agri-cultural and Horticultural Cooperation, in succession to Mr E.

inquiry into Belvoir coalfield

By Our Political Staff Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Oppo-Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Oppo-sition, has committed herself to the fullest inquiry into National Coal Board operations in the Vale of Belvoir before new pits are sunk in south Nottinghamshire. In a letter to Mr Michael Latham, Conservative MP for Mel-ton, she writes: "Whatever pro-posals for migina are finally noposals for mining are finally put forward they should be the sub-ject of an inquiry which allows all the arguments to be fully and publicly debated before any decision at all is taken."
With those words Mrs Thatcher has aligned herself with residents in the Vale of Belvoir, who are

In the Vale of Belvoir, who are campaigning to ensure that no pits should be opened without a wide examination of energy policy.

She says in her letter: "I have a good understanding of the problems involved, having held the fuel portfollo when the Conservatives were last in opposition. I also happen to know that part of the country extremely well. I have loved and admired it for its natural beauty and productive natural beauty and productive farmland, and I am not in the least surprised that so many people have shown such determipeople have shown such determination to protect it."

In a letter to Mrs Thatcher, Mr
Latham had quoted the argument
of Dr P. I. McDonald, of Aston
University, that "there is a good
deal of evidence that no market
exists for the Belvoir coal".

Fawcett Library

The Fawcett Library is to be transferred early next month to the City of London Polytechnic.
Its last day of opening at its present address in Wilfred Street, Westminster, will be next Friday.

BLIND AND ALL ALONE

Can you anagure what it is the to be alone in the world with no iclaims or hierds and to be bland as well? on the works with no relatives or hieroscaping to be bird as well?

This Society brings practical help, comfort and happiness by regular and frequent vielts to many such elderly people.

The provision of a Home for the elderly blind, and of greats to most special needs in time of difficulty, as well as the distribution and mentionance of redistribution and mentionance of redistribution the meant by which assistance is given the people of the meant by which assistance is given.



Your help is organity needed. Please remember this Society in your wift.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. R. Bajley
and Miss P. J. Pearson Gregory
The engagement is: announced
between John, eldest son of Sir
Derrick Bailey, Br. of Bluesmoes,
Alderney, Chapnel Islands, and of
Lady Bailey, of Moor Court,
Lycashall, Herefordshire, and
Lane only danghter of Mr. and Lacy Banery, or Moust County Lycushall, Herefordshire, and Jene, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pearson Gregory, of Mounington House, Herefordshire,

Miss N. R. M. MacSwiney The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs E. C. Bamford, of Reading, Berkshire, and Nuala, daughter of Major and Mrs J. F. MacSwiney, of Nashun, Rockshire. of Newbury, Berkshire.

and Miss C. J. Ward

Mr D. M. A. Evans

and Miss C. J. Ward
The engagement is announced
between Julian, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Cyril Emary, of Hooe,
Battle, Sussex, and Charlotte,
younger daughter of Mrs Margarel
Ward, of Sutton-on-the-Forest.
York, and the late Mr Philip
Ward

and Wiss D. W. Williams
The engagement is announced be-

The engagement is announced be-tween David Meurig Ashton, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Ashton Evans, 126 Buckswood Drive, Gos-sops Green, Crawley, West Sussex, and Dorothy Wheldon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Wil-liams, Tuhwntirbwich, Porthma-dog, Gwynedd. Mr D. A. Griffiths

The marriage will take place on March 5 at St George's Church, Bristol, between David Alan Griffiths, of Meadway Court, Broom Road, Teddington, and Jenny Parsons, of Berkeley House, Charlotte Street, Bristol, and of Albion Chambers, Bristol.

Mr T. Haworth and Miss P. M. Buston The engagement is announced between Timothy Haworth, of The Dowar House, Chastleton, Moreton-in-Marsh. Gloucestershire,

and Pamela, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T. F. Buxton, of The Gateway, Ascott, Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire. Mr K. W. Roberts
and Miss P. J. Carr
The engagement is announced between kenneth William, son of the
late Mr and Mrs E. G. Roberts,
of Deva. 15 Hassall Road, Alsager,
and Penclope Jane, daughter of
Mr and Mrs D. R. Carr, of Norwich.

Mr C. Sidney-Wilmot
and Miss C. Grantham
The engagement is announced between Colin Michael Anthony,
only son of Mrs Wendy SidneyWilmot, Bussana, Veccia di San
Remo, Italy, and Air Vice-Marshal
Aubrey Sidney-Wilmot, CB, OBE,
of Grove Cottage, Great Horkesley, Essex, and Claire Francis
Grantham, elder daughter of Mrs
W. F. J. Grantham and of the late
Bill Grantham, of Merrylees,
Staxton.

Marriages

Mr D. Goodenday and Miss L. Chung The marriage took place on Thursday. February 17, between Mr David Goodenday, of Kingsley Way, London, N2, and Miss Lehene Chung, of Hobart, Tasmazia.

Mr G. P. F. Inge and Miss J. Leinster The marriage took place in London on Saturday, February 12, between Mr George Inge and Miss Joyce Leigster.

ning committee, GLC, and Mr J. M. A. Paterson, chairman, Bifur-tated Engineering, to be members of the South East Economic Plan-ning Council.

Mr R. G. Greenslade to be Registrar of Clerkenwell County Court in succession to Mr Registrar Warde, now a circuit From Ronald Kershaw

Mrs Caroline Schwarts to serve on the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee.

Mr G. D. Western, Registrar of Westminster County Court, to be Registrar at Clerkenwell until Mr Greenslade takes up his appointment on April 4.

Mrs Stella Hydleman to be full-

Mr N. Howard, chairman, plan-

Thatcher call for | Views sought on

Schools Council The review body considering the role, constitution and structure of the Schools Council is seeking opinions on the council's work and development from bodies and individuals with an interest in its

Written views may be sent to the Secretary of the Review Body, Schools Council, 160 Great Portland Street, London, WIN 6LL, by March 25.

Today's engagements

Silver Jubilee Exhibition: "The Queen's pictures", the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, Salery, Suckingham Parace, 11-5.
English Folk Dance and Song Society, folk festival, Albert Hall, 7.30.
Lunchtime music: Ann Mackay, soprano, William Shimell, baritone, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Victoria Embankment, 1.10.

ment. 1.10.
Memorial service: Marshal of the
RAF Sir Andrew Humphrey,
Westminster Abbey, 12.

LSE protest goes on

Students at the London School of Economics voted yes-terday to continue their sit-in protesting against fee increases.

University news

Elections
Brian Johnson Prize in Pathology: I.
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C. A. D. Proudfoot, Balley College:
S. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE: Supernumerary fellowship. Professor J. L.
Gowans. FRS. formerly professorial
fellow of the college, secretary elect,
of the Medical Research Council.

Cambridge
CLARE COLLEGE. Professor A. M.
Snodgrass has been elected into a
followable ictas C. and J. M. Rutter.
M. has been elected into a fellowable
fclass B: and appointed collega lecfclass B: and collega lecfclass B: and followable
P. R. Klison, BA, bachelor scholar of
the 'sollege and Rosemar'. Anne
Williams, BA, of Girton College, have
been elected into research fellowables
for three years from October 1.

The following have been elected fellows of Imperial College:
Lord Armstrong of Sandorslead, Dr. J. W. Barrett, Mr E. Cutcliffe, Professor Benjamin G. Levich, Emeritus Professor J. D. McGee and Sir Vincent Wilgilcoworth.

CARDIFF: Appointments CARDIFF: Appointments
Superintendent of economic and social
studies division of the library: M. L.
Breals, BA (Leeds).
Assistant director of university English
center for overseas students; M. J.
Calles, HA (Wales), MA (Leeds).
Sonitor loctureships: C. H. Knowles,
BA. PhD (Males), and Nore C. Temple,
BA. PhD (Lon) history: R. Attneid,
MA (Oxon), PhD (Wales), philosophy;
J. G. Evans, BSC (Reading), PhD
(Lond), archarology: D. G. Rhys, BA



dral, yesterday, examples of silverware to be sold in aid of the cathedral restoration fund from Mr R. E. Stevens, managing director of Carrington, the jewellers.

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England will con-

sult opinion in the dioceses be-fore moving further towards the formation of a united Christian church in England. The General Synod decided yesterday that al-though the church had not been

able to complete its assessment of the proposals of the Churches Commission the time bad come to bring the 43 dioceses into the

deliate.

The Bishop of Guildford, the Right Rev David Brown, said it was wrong to be impatient with progress. He denied the interpretation made in The Times that the Church of England was lukewarm in response to the Unity Commission's 10 propositions.

"There are some matters so important that the General Synod

Dioceses to be consulted

on move to church unity

Roof collapses as Fijians cheer the Queen

Lambasa, Vanua Levu, Fiji, Feb
T.—A group of cheering islanders were hurled to the ground
when 50ft of corrugated iron roofting collapsed beneath them as they
watched the Queen and the Duke
of Edinburgh tour Vanua Levu
island today. Nobody was hurt.
Enthusiastic scenes greeted the island today. Nobody was hurt.
Enthusiastic scenes greeted the
royal couple on their arrival at
this second largest island in the
Fijian group. A man broke through
police lines and tried to shake
the Queen's hands.
After being flown here from
Suya, the royal couple drove over
bumpy roads where more than
10,000 islanders waited to welcome

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Later the royal couple attended a religious service in which Christian churches joined in prayers with Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Buddhists.

The royal couple later left Fiji at the end of their two-day visit and headed for New Zealand where they are due to arrive on Tuesday for a 14-day tour. Before departure they gave a party for 50 guests on board the royal yacht Britannia.—Reuter.

Lord Wigoder, QC
Lord Wigoder, QC, entertained members and guests of British Women's Organization for Rebabilitation through Training at dinner at the House of Lords yesterday evening. The speakers included Rabbi Dr Louis Jacobs and Mra Renée Soskin, joint chairman of British Women's ORT.

Engineers
Mr Joseph Grimond, MP, was the

principal speaker at the annual

dinner of the Association of Con-

sulting Engineers held last night at the Hilton botel. The other

at the Hiton notel. Ine other speakers were Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board, and the chairman of the association, Mr K. F. Scott, who presided. The guests of the asso-

A coordinated campaign, called

"Energy 2000", against the development of nuclear power is

development of nuclear power is
to be launched in Yorkshire in
April. A steering committee
headed by Mr Arthur Scargill,
president of the Yorkshire area of
the National Union of Mineworkers, has been formed to
organize a conference on April'
2 to which conservation organizations trade unions, county
councillors and members of the
public will be invited.

Cancer research

Miss Lilian Cowen, of St Anne'son-Sea, left £28,221 nst. She left
all her property to the Imperial
Cancer Research Fund.
Other estates include (nst, before
duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Bate, Mr Cyril Roger John, of
Bodmin, Sarmer £111,289
Brumell, Mrs Ivy Margaret, of
Corubill-on-Tweed£121,392
Chapman, Mr Edward, of Nocwich,
turf accountant £134,615
Cook, Mr Horace Richard, of
Malmesbury£118,346
Elley, Mr Thomas Benson, of Park
Lane, London, company director
£167,259

Episcopal Church in

Diocese of Edinburgh:

Scotland

Leicester

Leicester
Appointments
READER: Dr R. S. Davidson,
chemistry
DIRECTOR: Dr P. M. Jackson, public
sector economics research centre
SEMOR LECTURERS: Dr N. J.
Refugin, Observer and gynaecology:
LECTURERS W. Server, surgery:
Dr L. R. Hartley, porchology: N. K.
Maybury, surgery: B. J. Novian, history
and social relations of science.

Grants

E13.900 from the Science Research
Council for a second project of research
into interactive computer-sided design
sents, under Professor and Compolesten: 215.257 from the SRC for
research into continuous damage in
high-temperature structures due to
misteady mechanical and thermal todlings, under Dr D. R. Hayhirst.
220.000 from the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusapamenarbeit
commissed for the Springs for Asia
programme in the Philipothes
£18.560 (supplementary) from the
SRC for data-handling project for the
UK 5 programme under Professor K.
A. Pounds.

Association of Consulting

Dimners

Leeds

Latest wills

£28,221 left for

cancer research

important that the General Synod must seek the mind of the dioceses before it commits itself on their behalf ", he said. A complex family like the Church of England must take time to adjust to new ideas. clation included high commis-sioners, ministers of state, senior officials of government departments, heads and representatives of nationalized industries, public corporations, engineering and

corporations, engineering and other institutions and federations.

Butchers' Company The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs, were the guests of honour at the annual ladies' livery dinner given by the Master and Court of the Butchers' Company at Butchers' Hall yesterday evening. The Master was in the chair.

The Hunterian Festival Dinner was beld last night at the Burns The Hunterian restors the Royal college of Surgeons of England. Sir Rodney Smith, president, was in the chair and the principal goests were the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Egyptian

the conference

be addressed by MPs, union

leaders, county councillors, church leaders and prominent environ-mentalists. Among proposals sub-

mitted for consideration are picketing of trains carrying

mitted for consideration are picketing of trains carrying nuclear waste, a lobby of Parliament, a mass raily in London, local and area meetings and a national competition drawing strention to the cause.

Members of the steering com-

mittee include Dr Leonard Paitz,

chairman of the Conservation

Fry, Sir Leslie Alfred Charles, of Petworth, diplomat ... £43,264
Gage-Brown, Marjorie Phyllis, of Castle Cary ... £119,258
Grimes, Mr Wilfred Arthur Howell, of Thames Ditton, stockbroker ... £148,590
Harris, Mr Alfred, of East Blatthington, quantity surveyor £127,370.
Harrop, Mr Henry, of Stanley, co Durham (intestate) ... £150,854
Hines, Mr Herbert, of Folkestone £158,689

Kines, Mr Herrert, of Folkestone f158,689

Kendall, Mr Clement James, of Thorpe Langton, Leicestershire, farmer : 230,186

Kivell, Mr William, of Launceston,

estate agent and auctioneer £114.394

Walkerburn, retired on February 2: The Rev A. Burn-Murdoch, Rector of St. Cuthbert's, Hawick, is resigning in July to take up an appointment in Walos.

Wales.

Wiles.

The Rev J. A. Burrows, rector of St.
Ninian's, Prestwick, has resigned on
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Ninian's, Prestwick, has been
The Rev J. H. L. Maglesy, priest,
Grantown-on-Spey and St. John the
Baptiss, Rathienurchus, has been
Calhedral, Invariess.

Diocese of St Andrews: The Roy F. C. Harvey, diocesan chaplain, has been elected a canon of St Nitalan's Cathodral, Perth.

The 10 propositions, if accepted

them to recognizing the validity

of each other's ministries, if necessary after suitable joint ser-

vices. The means for achieving

that has proved a stumbling block for the Church of England, which

been disappointing, and the Church of England's alternative proposals had been rejected.

"I think that the reaction to our request for clarification shows that we have still a long way to go", he commented. "We shall

go", he commented. "We snau not get vary far until we have from the covenanting churches a

clear and agreed statement of their understanding of ministry and ministerial priesthood."

Royal College of Surgeons of Service dinners

included:

Vice-Admirai A. D. Cassidi, Director General of Naval Man-power and Training, was the guest of honour at a wardroom guest night dinner held at the Royal Naval Air Station Cuidrose, Corn-

is secretary: Mr Norman West.

repeatedly given warnings about its development, which he says is totally irresponsible in view of evidence from all over the world of its dangers.

From The Times of Monday, Feb 18, 1952

The Ministry of Food announces that the United Kingdom Govern

25 years ago

Drive against nuclear power development | List issued of is secretary; Mr Norman West, a county councillor and chairman of Highways. South Yorkshire County Council; Jeffrey Baston, chairman of South Yorkshire nuclear action group; and Mr Richard Turner, of the Friends of the Earth organization. Mr Scargill, a confirmed opponent of nuclear power, has repeatedly given warnings about

Tax advantages for private and business support of the arts have been set out by the Department of Education and Science in a note being circulated to interested

Copies can be obtained from 38 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8NT, until February 24, then from the Department of Education and Science, York Road, SEI 7PH. National heritage bodies to which gifts and bequests can be made exempt from capital transfer tax include the National Gallery. British Museum, Royal Scottish Museum, National Museum of Wales and the Ulster Museum.

Treasury approved national ment have undertaken to buy or to permit the sale in the United Kingdom market, without restriction of quantity, of the exportable surplus of beef and veal, lamb and mutton from New Zealand for 15 years from October 1 next. The years from October 1 next. The ministry's statement said: A joint declaration has been made by Mr S. G. Holland, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, New Zealand, and Major Gwilym Lloyd-George, Minister of Food, in which it is agreed to promote a further increase in the production of meat in New Zealand, for the British market. New Zealand, increased. Wales and the Uister Museum.

Treasury-approved national scientific, historic or artistic collections, United Kingdom university libraries and the National Trust are covered, as are the National. Art-Collections Fund, Friends of the National Libraries, Historic Churches Preservation Trust and the Nature Conservancy Council. in New Zealand for the British market. New Zealand increased her meat exports to the United kingdom from a pre-war average of 260,000 tons to an average of some 315,000 tons in 1945-47. Under the meat agreement signed in 1948 New Zealand promised a further substantial increase and

further substantial increase and we are expecting as much as 380,000 tons in 1952. New works to produce the necessary fertilizers are being built. Plans have been put in hand for the erection Two new annual literary prizes for works on Jewish themes, the Jewish Chronicle-Harold H. Winbeen put in hand for the erection of new freezing works, and action is also to be taken to improve for a work of fiction, poetry or bandle the additional production.

Orchestra refuses to play César Franck From Peter Nichols

Rome, Feb 17
The Santa Cecilia Orchestra in Rome have refused to play a work by Cesar Franck—the tone poem Redemption— because, they allege, the music is not worthy of them.

It is normal here for printers to object to newspaper contents and so prevent the publication of an article or of a whole edition of a newspaper. And there has been much written lately of the attitude of translators, who are said to change substantially what an author has written to impose a political bias not present in the original work.

But until last Sunday after-noon, there had been no case of a symphony orchestra deciding that the work of an accepted master was not up to their standards. The members of the orchestra apparently decided at the first rehearsals

to the public that there would Oistrakh, then at the beginning be no alternative work in the programme. Audiences may well be won-

Luigi Mazzarella, administrator of the Academy, the content organization affected—and an open-minded personality if ever there was one—feels astonished at the "paternalistie" behaviour of his organization. chestra. The work was little known, he says, and there was interest in seeing what the public would think of it. But he orchestra denied the public the chance to make up its

And all this after a period of several years in which Rome's musical public had gradually matured. Two decades ago the concerts organized by the Academy took place at a time, in late afternoon, when only pensioners and ladies of under the French conductor, leisure could attend them. A Serge Baudo, that they did not famous example of a concert feel like playing the work; in those days involved the and the lead cellist explained great violinist, the late David

of his European fame. A New York lady, unable to get into an Oistrakh concert at home, dering what is coming next. Dr discovered that he was due to play next in Rome. So she tele-graphed a friend to sacrifice all to find a ticket, flew to Rome and heard Oistrakh—in a half empty hall.

Now a promising concert produces a great demand for nickets, frequently beyond seating capacity.

Rome has no auditorium. I has two orchestras of standing: the Santa Cecilia and the Rome Orchestra of the Broadcasting Corporation. The first rents a hall; the second per-forms only to invited

Dr Mazzarella has lately opened a campaign to meet the real public demand for concerts and overcome the traditional Italian bias in favour of opera. As Sir Ashley Clarke remarked on the radio recently, Italy suffers from having given birth to Monteverdi, who invented the opera.

OBITUARY Brass inlaid bureau of 1740 fetches

THE MOST REV

JANANI LUWUM

Archbishop of Uganda

and studied at the I College of Divinity, ob the Associateship of

In September, 1966.

end of 1968.

The Most Rev Janani Luwum, lege, Canterbury. On his whose death is reported in another part of the paper, had been Archbishop of Uganda since 1974. He was born in Kitgum, northern Uganda, in 1924.

In 1963 he came to E

gum, northern Uganda, in 1924. In 1963 he came to His father was one of the for a period of further earliest converts to Christianity and studied at the

among the Acholi people and was a pioneer Christian worker. As a young boy Janani Luwum spent much of his time.

tending the family cattle and goats. He had a lively mind. but no opportunity for formal school education until well-

over the age of ten. When the

chance did come he proved to

be a brilliant pupil, but short-

age of money for fees did not allow him to go on from

primary to secondary education.

In the meantime he became an

unlicensed teacher in a sub-

grade school. From the very

vernacular teachers. While serving as a teacher be dis-

covered his vocation and he was accepted for training at

what was then the theological

college of his diocese at Buwalasi.

After ordination in 1955 he served first as curate at St Philip's Church, Gulu, then as head of the Acholi Archdeaconry Catechists' Training Centre. In 1958 he studied for a year at St Augustine's Col-

part he played in moulding the

much at first to steady morale

and subsequently to create a force capable of making a

Czechoslovak

age of 81.

W.B. writes:

small salary he earned saved enough to enter a teacher-training college for vernacular teachers. While

£4,000 By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent .

A walnut bureau-cabinet with A wanter bureau-capitate with restrained brass inlay dating from about 1740 was sold at Christie's yesterday for \$4,000 (estimate \$3,000 to \$4,000). It belongs to the Channon Roentgen family of brass inlaid furniture. Christie's suggest that its Germanic style re-calls the work of Abraham Roentgen, who was working in London from about 1733 to 1738.

The rest of Christie's furniture sale was devoted to Continental pieces, with a south German walnut bureau-cabinet at £3,500 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) and two seventeenth-century Italian ebonized cabinets at £3,500 ebonized cabinets at £3,500 (estimate £800 to £1,200). The sale totalled £105,270, with 4 per cent

A small carpet sale which followed proved less successful, totalling £15,520, with 28 per cent unsold. The top price was £4,400 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500) for a late-sixteenth-century Brussele late-sixteenth-century Brussels tapestry of the Tower of Babel measuring about 11ft by Sft.

At Christie's South Kensungton a sale of dolls and toys made £11,861, with 6 per cent unsold. The top price was £400 (estimate £200 to £300) for a painted wooden dolls' house.

wooden dolls' house.

At Sotheby's Belgravia cloisonné enamels brought the top prices in a sale of oriental works of art totalling £49,672 with less than 1 per cent unsold. A pair of Chinese koros, 31 inches high, made £3,900 (estimate £800 to £1,500), to A. and F. Gordon and a 5ft Japanese vase, densely decorated with flowers and birds, made £2,200 (estimate £500 to £1,000).

At Sothaby Parks Bernet New

At Sotheby Parke Bernet, New York, on Wednesday a sale of Continental silver made £55,950, with seven lots out of 147 unsold. for the Church of England, which is anxious that the tradition of episcopacy should be maintained intact in any united church to which it might belong.

The Bishop of Chichester. Dr Kemp, who had been involved in detalled pegotiations with the Unity Commission over episcopacy, said the commission's replies had been disappointing. An early-seventeenth-century Ger An early-seventeenth-century Ger-man silver-gilt squirrel cup. 25 oz and 101 inches high, with an Augsburg maker's mark brought 510,000 (estimate \$15,000 to \$20,000) or \$5.848. It was bought by a private collector from Lon-don.

to English sliver and place and totalled 580,409, with four lots out totaled 280,405, with four for our of 214 unsold. A London dealer paid \$4,000 (estimate \$1,750 to \$2,250) or £2,339 for a rare pair of George III fox-mask stirrup cups weighing 180z.

A jewel sale at Sotheby's in Bond Street yesterday made £156,735, with 15 per cent unsold.

wall, last night. Commander J. B Gallagher, RN, president of the wardroom mess, presided. Royal Scots Dragoon Guards The annual dinner of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniars and Greys) was held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Colonel H. T. Brassey, colonel of the regiment, presided.

Aberdeen University Air Squadron Aberdeen University Air Squadron held a dinner at the university last held a dinner at the university last night. The guest of honour was air Chief Marshai Sir Neil Cameron. The Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Training Command, the Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, the Air Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland and the Principal of Aberdeen University attended, Squadron Leader R. C. G. Brodie, officer commanding, presided.

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By Our Arts Reporter organizations.
Mrs Williams, Secretary of State

for Education and Science, said in a Commons written reply yesterday that the memorandum would go to national museums, galleries and libraries; local autiorities maintaining such institutions; learned bodies and jour-nels, and professional bodies con-

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New literary prizes

remnants of the Czechoslovak force which had shared in the an active role in the against Nazism; and French defeat in 1940 into an efficient military formation. In the abnormal conditions of an army isolated from its homeland his simple realism and commonsense were a necessary calming influence which did

genuine contribution not only to the Czechoslovak war effort but to the wider Allied cause. As a dedicated artilleryman he brought the gunnery element of the Czechoslovak Indepen-

General Alois Liska, CBE, dent Brigade Group to viable level of proficient DSO, who commanded the sequently he command brigade when, as the Cze vak Independent Ar: Brigade, it besieged the man garrison at Dunki Armoured Brigade during the Second World War, died in London on February 7 at the eventually accepted the (surrender. British officers who worked with General Liska during the war can testify to the notable General Lisks was an

an optimism springing fr deep faith and a keen a humour.

GENERAL ALOIS LISKA

plicated patriot. He was Russia during the First War : he escaped from oc Czechoslovakia in 1940 i 1948 after the Communis in Czechoslovakia he w lieved of his post as Co dant of the War Coll-"unreliable" he went for a third time and livrest of his life in Engla each case he left his hor because he believed he The esteem General

earned in this count attested by the British coins awarded to him.

DOROTHY BLACK ever, the uprooting was a to her mill for she had :

Dorothy Black (Mrs McLiesh), a prolific journalist and writer of magazine stories, died on February 12 . She was born in Bradford and

was related to another Bradfor-dian, Frederick Delius, the disringuished composer; indeed her second name was Delius. She was brought up in comfortable circumstances as she described in a volume of autobiography The Foot of the Rain-bow (1961), recalling the piety of the Black aunts and the lively Delius sisters, but money was lost and the family went over the Channel to live first in Ger- Home Journal;

MR STAFFORD INGHAM

Mr Stafford Ingham, the Epsom racehorse trainer died on February 16 at the age of 68. Before the war he had considerable success as a National Hunt jockey before taking out a trainer's licence in 1939. After war service in the RAF where he became a Squadron Leader he resumed training in earnest Among his notable wins were the Cesarewitch in 1953 and 1972, the Cambridgeshire, and the Ebor Handicap in 1972.

Lady Wakehurst, wife of the third Baron Wakehurst, died on February 14. She was Inge-borg, daughter of Waker Krumbholz and she married her husband in 1956.

Lady Charrington, wife of Sir John Charrington, formerly chairman of Charrington, Gardner, Locket and Co Ltd,

Elizabeth Mary, daugh :: Col P. H. Dalbiac, Cl-married her husband in The Rt Rev Chislain Emmanuel, the first nati-Bishop of Mauritius, has

the age of 48. Lady Hawke, widow Anthony Hawké, sometimmon Serjeant of the C London, died on Janua She was Evelyn Audre. daughter of Major J. N. l. and she was married in Her husband died in 19:

Brigadier Francis
Borthwick, CMG, DSO, d
February 12. Born in 18
served during the First War gaining a DSO an and being made a CMG i

Edith Lady Wed widow of the second Wedgwood, died on Feath William Telfer, and standard in 1920. Her beginning died in 1959.

Science report

Transplantation: Great success with livers

Results from the British research team carrying out liver transplantation have improved dramatically in the past two years so that they now believe that the operation may soon prove more successful than routine kidney transplantation. So far Professor Roy Caine at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and Dr Roger Williams's liver unit at King's College Hospital, London, have collaborated in 60 liver transplants than an in the world. The American however, has concentrated to the contract of the second high technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact that the comparable to those of the second high technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact technique in which the comparable to those of the second high technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact technique in which the bladder is used to join the fact technique in which the second high the second high

The operation is considered only The operation is considered only in patients with serious liver illness likely to prove fatal within a few months: 37 of the 60 had some form of liver cancer and 19 had advanced cirrhosis, while four had

advanced cirrhosts, while four had other disorders, such as narrowing of the bile ducts.

Thirty-five patients had liver transplants between 1968 and 1974; there were 12 deaths within a week of operation and only three patients survived longer than 12 mooths, although one of them lived more than five years and another is still alive. Since 1975, in contrast, the use of new techniques has eliminated deaths in the state of the still alive. has eliminated deaths in the period immediately after operation and 12 of these last 25 patients are still

of these last 25 patients are smillisted.

Much of this recent improvement has come from the use of "beating-heart donors", ratious certified as having brain death from whom the liver is removed while the heart is still beating. Once removed, the liver may be cooled and preserved in good condition for as long as eight homs. dition for as long as eight hours and donor livers have been trans-

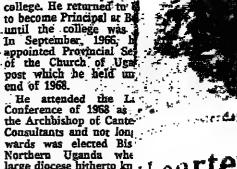
of bile ducts.

Those recent British residence of the comparable to those of the American liver surgeon, Management of the comparable to those unit has don of these transplants than an in the world. The American however, has concentrated treatment of children box defective bile ducts and con several liver damage. Liver transplants are les than kidney grafts to be 1. CH by the natural immune

system in the experience system in the experience King's College and Carteam. Some patients with transplants were able to boff the steroid drugs tha

operation to patients with the come desperately ill-By Our Medical Correspond Source: British Medical (February 19, page 471).

off the steroid drugs that essential for the prevent rejection of kidney transplation of the prevent Room the British and the can surgeons have found rejection accounts for only cent or so of the deaths i series. It is for that reast Professor Caine and Dr William Professor Caine and Dr William Caine that their results improve still forther as donors become available at the professor can be come at the professor can be come at the professor can be come available at the professor can be come at the profess



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Bridgetown

Bridgetown, Barbados, Feb 17.

Pakisian and the West Indies are likely to indulge in a feast of runs on the placid Kensington Oval wicker in the first Test

match starting tomorrow.

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Although it can sometimes be unpredictable, the Kensington wicket is traditionally a batsmen's paradise and Pakistan and the West Indies have two of the strongest Patting sides in the world today. In the four-day match which ended here on Tuesday, Pakistan and Barbados amassed 1,201 runs while their 13 bowlers toiled to get a total of 26 wickets.

A similar pattern seems likely to emerge in the Test, with the most logical outcome a draw.

If either side has an edge, it is the West Indies because they have the faster bowlers. Imran Khan. Sarfraz Nawaz and Saleem Altaforn bowl their medium-pace magnificently, but on a pitch as dead as this, the extra pace of men like Anderson Roberts and Colin, Croft could be crucial.

But for the absence through injury of Michael Holding and Wayne Daniel, who mormally spearhead the formidable West Indies attack with Roberts, the chance of the stronger of the chance of the stronger of the chance of the stronger of the chance of the chance

spearhead the formidable West Indies attack with Roberts, the chances of a West Indies victory would be stronger. The touring ream were destroyed in St Lucia by Croft and Joel Garner, and there must be some doubt about their ability to stand up to real oace. For the first Test, only Roberts allies real speed with experience: Vanburn Holder has the experience but not destructive pace and Croft has the speed but lacks control.

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l'est



loose trio in practice yesterday: from the left, Uttley, Dixon and Rafter.

land heartened by Horton's ess for crucial match

beartening news for ugby camp yesterday. the Moselev lock. a corneal abrasion g in the knockout in igainst Leicester last e fit to play against vickenham tomorrow; a specialist in the was allowed to train nd on the Stoop sund, though, purely tionary measure, he cipate in some of the cour activities. eout activities.
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he continued, "that
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orward, were passed h against Scotland at

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Murtagh, a new cap, in training on Mon-

is, the Queen's Park

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form and strength in England in the next tie against Luxem-embley on March 30.

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for someone to control

igland's pace was seen ist the Netherlands, was only one of a aults. Francis can do better than most, and Villa, who rarely give us a chance to have the seed of events.

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PR and England

this evening but there's a big to hold or beat them up front danger of becoming too preoccu. would require a prodigious effort. pied with what our opponents will do. We've got to be fully aware of that, of course, but we're not of that, of course, but we're nor going to forget that the French have got to cope with what we do." He also made the point that France have been playing a similar style of game to England's, so it was not likely to be a case tomorrow of finding out which side could spin the ball around more effectively.

A drizzle persisted throughout the training at the Stoop and, when asked what sort of weather he would like tomorrow, Utrley said that if the rain was coming down even harder he and the lads were likely to have no objections. England's coach, Peter Colston, said that with two victories behind them, and with the triple crown and championship in their sights. England's approach would be different from what it was a year ago in Paris, at the end of a barren season. He had to admit that he could not see many weaknesses in the French pack, and

Middlesex have made two forward changes for the rugby county championship final against Lancashire at Blundeilsands tomorrow week. Christopher Howcroft, a Wales B lock, comes into the second row in place of Michael Hess, of Richmond, and Andy Ripicy, England's No 8, replaces Kevin Bowring of Borough' Road College, in the back row.

Both Howcroft and Ripley were

Both Howcroft and Ripley were originally selected for the semi-final against Warwickshire, but Howcroft had a back injury and Ripley got married on the day of the semi-final. Adrian Alexander,

This is not to overlook the fact that Villa should have avoided the need for a replay at Highbury on Tuesday to decide who will meet Everton in the final on March 12. "We had our chances", Ron Saunders, the manager, said, "but I've no complaints. This was a wonderful advertisement for Bridish football."

David Sexton, the Rangers' man-

David Sexton, the Rangers' manager, said: "We fought back well, after twice falling behind, but we weren't too good in attack. It will be a different story at Highbury. There we'll attack all the time."

time."

It was Mr Sexton's timely substitution of Hollins with Eastoe that ensured there would be another chance for Rangers. Eastoe, still with only 12 first team games behind him, scored the second half of extra time. Webb, who always seems to be twice the player on tup occasions, provided Eastoe with the crucial pass, but afterwards he said he might not be able to play in the League game at Villa Park on Saturday because of a cut leg.

The other Moseley lock, Ayre, joined the training yesterday and so, yet again, did Air Vice-Marshal Larry Lamb, to provide the advice of an international referee. Young spent much of his time behind the forwards at the scrummaging machine, rehearsing moves with the loose trio. At the lineout, some emphasis was put on short throws to sis was put on short throws to Beaumont at the front (England must, of course, seek to counter the extra height of the French jumpers) and in defence against probable French dispositions in-volving a peel off palmed ball from Bastlat at the tall.

It looks as if England intend occasionally to use Rafter standing off from a 6-man lineout and fed by Cooper with an Juside crash ball to draw in Rives and Skréla. The distribution and handling of the backs looked encouragingly

accurate. They seem all set to counter-attack, through the wings and the full back, Hignell, if Romeu's ractical incking should offer the slightest chance. Stronger Middlesex XV

Skiing '

Russi sets fast

Klammer fails

Leax, Switzerland, Feb 17.-

and Peter Wirnsperger, of Austria, raturned the fastest practice times today for a World Cap downhill

Read, of Canada.

Klammer, the second fistest
pesterday, was the second to go
down the course still covered with

new snow. He was placed 34th. The race was originally scheduled to be run at St Anton, Austria,

pace after

No 8 position. TEAM: G. Richards (Wasps)



Los Angeles, Feb 17.—Christine Evert, who was in command throughout, early defeated the Californian Julie Anthony, 6—2, 6—3, last night to reach the third round of a women's termis tourns.

more in the second set, in the RESULTS: Miss C. M. Every best Miss J. K. Anthony, 6—C. 6—3: Miss R. Casals best Miss T. Athin, 6—1. 6—3: Miss S. V. Wado (IR) best Miss R. Latham, 6—2. 6—3: Miss T. Bollady bear Miss B. F. Spec. 6—6. 6—1: Miss J. Russell beat Miss Earter, 7—5. 6—1.

English summer may prove that Indian winter was misleading

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Bombay, Feb 17

Life is good for the England
touring team at the moment. Last
right they were able to celebrate
their victory in the series against
India on board Queen Elizabeth 2,
now in Bombay on her cruise
round the world. Their next engagement is not until Santrday,
when they fif to Sri Lanka for
eight days' cricket before going
on to Perth and finally to Melbourne for the centenary Test
match against Australia, starting
on March 12.

It is no mean achievement to

match against Australia, starting on March 12.

It is no mean achievement to beat India in India. The only other England side to have done, so was Douglas Jardine's, 43 years ago, and I doubt if even he made the impact here that Tony Greig has done in the last three months. Like some blond colossus, Greig has dominated the stene, both on the field and off.

"Where's Mr Greig?" has been the question that everyone has asked, followed, disarmingly, by "What's your good name." Without Greig this would be half the England side it is. With him it has done what it came to do, in terms of results, without suggesting that it has the players to go ou to great things. Misi Barker's short time on court yesterday was enough for Miss Sinclair, an 18-year-old Toronto student, who said afterwards "I don't think I've ever found anyone hitting the bail back at me so hard". Miss Sinclair looked startled as Miss Barker virtually beat her into submission with a succession of searing winners to build up a 5-0 lead.

Consolation for the Canadian Consolation for the Canadian came in the sixth game of the first set, and again in the second game of the second set, to give her brief respite; but with Miss Barker in no mood to ease the pressure, there was little Miss Sinclair could do except suffer in silence. gesing that it has the players to go on to great things.

One of the reasons why England began to get the worst of things in the last two Test matches was that Greig's own bowling was so erratic. He is also excitable when the game starts to run away from him on the field. He has had a compelling tour, though, not least

silence.

Miss Tyler preceded Miss Barker with a 6—3. 6—0 win in 59 minutes over Wendy Barlow. The Kent player dropped only eight points in the runaway second set. Britain, aiming to win the trophy for the third successive year, will meet the United States, who were equally decisive winners over Fearner in the other services. compelling tour, though, not least in his relations with the great Indian public, and he has helped Indian public, and he has helped England, at least partly, to believe in themselves again.

The main disappointment has been how slowly the batsmen have developed. The fault for this is only partly their own. A young MCC batsman on his first tour, with his confidence to build up, can expect to find it easier these days to make a hundred against South Australia at Adelaide or against Barbados at Bridgetown than against East Zone on a dust over France in the other semi-final match.

submission

Miss Barker's short time on

two years, they also looked totally unimpressive in the consolation match for fifth and sixth places. Robun Beven and Tony Lloyd hardly looked a parmership for the future as they went down 6—2, 7—6 to the Dutch pair, Frits Don and Theo Gorter.

The men's final will be baween the United States, the holders, and Italy. It will be played on Davis Cup lines of four singles and a doubles. Both countries won their semi-final matches by 2—1, the outcome in each case depending on the concluding doubles. The United States beat France, two of the three rubbers going to three sets; Italy, who defeated west Germany, also had to go the full distance in two of their three matches.

MISS: Semi-final round: US beat

TEAM: G. Richards (Wasps);
C. W. Lambert (Harlequins), A. P.
Friell (London Scottish, captain),
D. J. Croydon (Saracens), S. Tiddy
(Rosslyn Park); R. Wilson (London Scottish), A. J. M. Lawson.
(London Scottish); R. L. Barlow
(Rosslyn Park), G. G. Bognell
(Wasps), C. MacGregor (Saracens), C. Howcroft (London Welsh), C. W. Raiston (Richmond), A. Alexander (Harlequins),
A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park), R. J.
Mordell (Rosslyn Park).

ment here.

Miss Evert the top seed, broke
Miss Authory's service twice in a
row in the first set to go ahead
4—1. She also broke through twice

today for a World Cap downhill race comorrow as fresh snow slowed down the favourite, Franz Klammer, of Austria.

Ruszi, who won his first World Cup victory for four years last month to break Klammer's stranglehold on this season's downhills, set a timo of 2mins 4.45secs. Wirnsperger, aged 18, was timed in 2mins 4.77secs, but both were well behind yesterday's best time of 2mins 4.02secs set by Kenneth Read, of Canada.

Universities at Ragpur.

As for playing the Indian spinners in a Test maich, on pitches now produced for them, there is nothing remotely simple about that. Randall's scores of 22 and 15 in the last Test match were worth a couple of 50s of many another Test occasion.

another Test occasion.

Because of their statistically poor Test returns, it is difficult to be sure how good Randail will become, and how much it is reasonable to expect from Brearley in the next two or three years, and whether, when the game is no longer exclusively to do with spin, Barlow and Woolmer will come into their own. We may know more about his in Melbourne. We shall certainly find out all about it next summer when the Australians are in England.

As preparation for a Test match against Australia, a tour to India is as much use as driving a vintage car from London to Brighton the day before hurtling round Silverstone in the British Grand Prix except for the teamwork it creates: The teamwork of Greig's side has been conspicuously good, for which Ken Barrington, a well-liked and conscientious manager, may take considerable credit.

Technically, the most satisfactory aspect of England's play weather respect shown by their bowlers for length and line. Willis has come back with a bang on this tour, Old has been a valuable all-rounder and Lever has come on enough to raise hones that his 25 Test wick; is will be followed by quite a formore. With 56 Test wickets between them, these three took only six fewer wickets than Bedi, Chandra-sekhar and Prasauna in 350 fewer

fewer wickets than Bedi. Chandra-sekhar and Prasanna in 350 fewer overs. That was remarkable, and had a lot to do. of course, with the result. As did Amiss's 179 at Delhi, Tolchard's 57 at Calcutts, Knott's inimitable contributions, Underwood's fine bowling and the towering presence of Greig.

Final averages for Test match series in India

For business whose last two years have been spent dodging bouncers, not to have had to do so for three whole months has been a merciful relief. Which brings one to the future of indian cricket and its almost total reliance on spin. Although there are dietary and physical reasons for this, as well as chimatological ones (temperatures which induce lethargy), I believe India could breed fast bowlers, which is not to say they ever will.

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There is certainly no way of their doing so while their game is played on slow, turning pitches. What they need most, and it would be possible to achieve, are faster pitches than they have and a return to truer batting conditions. If the series had been played on the plumbest pitches they could have prepared, India, because their bowlers have more guile than England's, would probably have won it.

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If it were to be played all over egain on the pitches as they were, I am not sure who would win That is how closely matched the two sides were, at any rate in India. There is, in India, a critical lack of opportunities for the young, mainly for economic reasons, Indians are among the best patural cricketers in the

best natural cricketers in the world, yet they are able barely to scratch the surface of the great resources they have.

Seventy-five per cent of the country's population of 600,000,000 live in the villages, where not one of them would play any organized cricket. Even in the vast majority of urban schools there is no cricket to speak of and, until more of the money taken from the Test matches is ploughed into the schools, so it will remain. Of the children of the country, no more than perhaps one in a 1,000 has the chance to play anything much more than cricket in the street. more than cricket in the street. Although Ghavri was once a milkman and Solkar's father was groundsman at the Hindu Ghym-khana in Bombay, Indian cricket is almost wholly a middle-class game.

pace and Croft has the speed but lacks control. The West Indies may even inrounder, such as Foster or Shillingford, will be used. Shillingford, will be used.

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Saloom Altat.

Australians eager

for action Christchurch, Feb 17.—A confi-dent Australien teem begin the first Test match at Lancaster Park here tomorrow with their fast bowlers eager for action against New Zealand. Everything has come right for the Australian bowlers and Lilies, Walker and Glimour are hungry for wickets. Lilies has had an enforced rest after a haza-

had an enforced rest after a hamstring injury.

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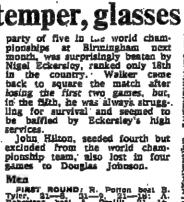
India batting

Wilson loses temper, glasses and match James Wilson, a 21-year-old garty of five in Luc world chamble glasses accountant, deliberately plonships at Birmingham next month, was surprisingly beatan by in disgust on his way to defeat in the English table tennis chamble in the country. Walker came plonships, sponsored by Norwich back to square the match after back to square

Union, at Woking last night. It was the third pair he has broken as well as half a dizen bats, costing 59 each, this season.

"I just cannot control my temper", Wilson said after losing his first round men's singles match to Gordon Chapman. "I am almost blind in the left eye after almost blind in the left eye arrer being kicked. I have to wear dark glasses and need very good light-ing but the light here just did not suit me. I missed a point in the second game, lost my temper and amashed the spectacles to pieces with my ber with my bat, "It was either the spectacles or the bat, but as I am playing in the doubles tomorrow, I decided it had better not be the latter." Wilson, who said be

or the bat, but as I am playing in the doubles tomorrow, I decided it had better not be the latter." Wilson, who said be would probably be selected by Essex at tennis if it were not for his temperament, played bettar after relieving his feelings. He won the third game easily but then went down to defeat in the fourth and last James Walker, one of England's



Bowling

J K Lever R. G. D. Willis E. L. Underwood C. M. Old A. W. Greig





Rybarczyk, Nowicki, Gasiorek, Niedzwiedzki, Fibak-and the biggest name is Fibak

The ambassador whose embassy is the world

be able to play in the League game at Villa Park on Saturday because of a circ leg.

Mr Saunders, hoping to lead out his fourth League Curp final team in five years, also gambled when he decided to include his leading scorer. Gray, who was not 100 per cent fit. Gray had a fine match and was so engrossed in his task that he turned down Mr Saunders's offer to replace him for extratime.

Both menagers were more concerned about the likely state of the Highbury pitch after a match has been played there tomorrow than in the possibility of the tle being spok by acrimony engendered in Wednesday's meeting. McLintock was so infuriated by a wild tackle from Cropley that the argument continued after the match, and Clement was fortunate not to have his name taken for

There is a sadness about the tides of talent on the international tennis circuit. Agreeable people go out with the ebb and bob about on the horizon of memory. There is compensation in the delightful newcomers who come in with the tide's flow. One of them, perhaps the most popular of prominent East Europeans, is Wojtek Fibak (this genuine forename, Wojciech, has been phonetically compressed in the cause of international understanding).

Fibak's disposition is more consistently buoyant and genial than that of Kodes or Nastase. He has an effortless charm that borrows nothing from affectation. The spirit of laughter keeps bubbling to the surface as he attacks the English language with witty enthusiasm. Shorthand writers flounder, searching for a stretch of still water amid the spilling cascade of words. On court, he is a tought competitor but a sportsman. His tennis has more equilibrium than that of Nastase. On the evidence of his first two years on the circuit, Fibak's achievements may eventually manth theirs. But he is already 24: an age at which Kodes had won the French championship and Nastase the Italian.

Fibak rises 5ft 10in above the earth's crust and, at a supple 11st, is unlikely to make much of a dent in it. He is the first Pole to play full-time on the circuit and (to some extent as a consequence) the most successful player his country has produced.

The Fibaks, citizens of Poznan, are in the process of moving from an apartment to a house: necessarily more spacious quarters for Wojtek, his wife Ewa, their daughter Agnes, and a German shepherd dog. Such domestic rearrangements are complicated by Fibak's American tenmis programme and the fact that his wife, having completed her university studies in the Romance languages and the humanides, is currently writing 2 thesis in Florida. Fibak also has a sister, who is studying to become an architect. In 1975 he took her to the United States match, and Clement was fortunate not to have his name taken for persistently fouling Little.

The replay further aggravates Rangers' league fixture problem. They were to have met West Ham United on Tuesday night. This game will probably be played on Tuesday, April 5. Aston Villa are likely to call for a proper "toss up" rule after the confusion on Wednesday over the ground on which with Queen's Park Rangers is to be replayed. After the 2—2 draw in the second leg at Villa Park, the clubs had to toss a coin to decide where the game should be played—Coventry, if Villa won: Arsenal, if Rangers were successful. The club chairmen. Sir William Dugdale (Villa) and Jim Gregory (Rangers) both claimed to have called "heads" in the uproar immediately after the game. League officials ruled that Rangers were the winners.

George Armstrong, Arsenal's unsettled winger, may also join Fulham today for the same fee. [30.000. Arsenal's manager, Terry Neill, said last might: "I spoke to George today and he told me he is almost certain to sign for Fulham tomorrow. He's been linked with various clubs in the last few weeks so I'm reluctant last few weeks so I'm reluctant to say too much about it."

This, obviously, is no socially deprived family. Fibak's father, a surgeon, has written much and travelled widely in pursuing his profession. It was paternal encouragement that led Fibak to couragement that led Fibak to tennis, partly as an introduction to better company than he might find in other games. But at that time there was no question of a tennis career. Sportsmen were not particularly esteemed, and in any case Fibak had brains. Why waste them on sport, he was asked, when he could have a better future in another profession? asked, when he could have a better future in another profession? Tennis was just for fun.

"Now it looks different because I am ambassador of my country. Tennis gave me one of the biggest names in Poland. I do what I want, I could have my own show on TV."

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If he ever has time to get round to it, Floak would like that. "Roman Polanski was my idol. I wanted to be a movie director. I was always thinking about writing something, poetry, stories, making something, poetry, stories, with the French and Wimbledon championships. He was impressed by what he saw. His ambitions changed course.

"With my father, I decided it was good to play tennis. In 1971 I finish at high school, the best in Poznan, and went to university to study law, because it was the only direction I could still play tennis. With other things you have to be there all the time, in the laboratory perhaps. A lot of practice. Law is only books. I thought only about playing tennis. I went to law school for tennis, not for law. Otherwise I would go to another town, Lodz (Polanski studied there), for five



Fibak: genial piece of flotsam cast up by the tide.

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behind." On the way home to Poland he played in his first open tournament for prize money, in Zürich. "I bear David Lloyd and went to the semi-finals and lost to John Yull. I couldn't sleep before and after that match. Then I went back and made some studies. before and after that match. Then I went back and made some studies.

"From the beginning of 1974 I want to put my dream real and become a tennis player, But they didn't even think I was the best in Poland. I still had strong competition at home—Rybarczyk, Nowicki, Gasiorek, Niedzwiedzki. No one believe me. But Ewa, my father, myself think it possible. I put a schedule, what was best to do. I played seven little indoor tournaments in Sweden, won two of them and was runner-up in two, and was first with the bonus. Then I started to play pretty well. Little tournaments here and there. In April I made the Munich qualifying for WCT and beat Ruffels and had two match points against van Dillen. Then I played Davis Cup against Hungary at Warsaw and beat Taroczy, who had three match points at 5—4 and 40—love on his service in the fourth. That was the last match and we won 3—2."

Fibak was planning to compete in some tournaments in Germany. But his federation said he must stay at home ("The problem was that they didn't want me to play professional tennis"). He had to convince them, among other things, that international experience

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pionships. But an excited buzz went round Forest Hills in 1975 when he had Solomon on the brink of defeat. The players, slready aware of Fibak's quality, were less surprised than the public. Initially, though, it was as a doubles player that he made his mark. In 1976 Pibak and Meller won the WCT doubles.

But he was advancing fast in singles, too, reaching a lot of finals and winning some of them. In 1976 he rose from 58th to 14th in the rankings, his victims including Borg, Nastase, Orantes, Ramirez, Dibbs, and Tanher. He beat Orantes at Bournemouth to become the first Pole other than Skonecki, the 1955 indoor champion, to win a British title. In December (with Connors, Borg, Nastase, and Panatta missing from the field) he reached the final of the grand prix Masters tournament at Houston—and won eight successive games and 10 out of 11 to lead Orantes, playing with the uninhibited verve that is the child of despair, won the fourth set 7—6. and the fifth 6—1.

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Fibal's successes have had a healthy effect on the Polish game. In the past two or three years the number of courts has almost doubled. "They are all clay. But we have some carpets now, for all sports, and there is a question of building a special facility for tennis. The game is so popular that exeryone wants to play."

All that has happened primarily hecause of the man who wanted to be a film director but changed his mind and studied law so that he could play tennis. In two senses Fibak has fulfilled his carly ambition of becoming a showman: chiefly as a professional sportsman, but also as a warm and wifty human being whose post match press conferences are an unfailing delight. The tennis set were lucky with the incoming tide that tossed Fibak among them. the incoming noe Fibak among them.

Rex Bellamy

Carole Knight: Rugby League

Clubs improve image of Humberside

Humberside's Rugby League status has been greatly improved this season. Hull Kingston Rovers are strong contenders for the first division title and Hull have a four-point lead at the top of the second division.

Both clubs came through the first round of the Rugby League Cup and have been paired in round two. Rovers will be at home and the tie, on February 25, will be televised.

Rovers lle two points behind Sr Helens, the first division leader, with a game in band. Their strong pack is the key to success and Rose, Casey and Millington are all pressing for international benous:

With Lowe fit again, Rovers should maintain their championship challenge this weekend, when they visit Oldham. Earlier this month they crushed Oldham 35—5 ar home. Dunn crossed the Oldham line three times and Sullivan twice, which brought him the 350th try of his career.

St Helens should carry too much power for bottom-but-one Roch-dale. Featherstone, who are only a point behind St Helens with three matches in hand, should not be troubled at home by Barrow, the bottom club.

Yesterday's results REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: South-RUGBY UNION: Schools match: ... Maidstone GS 5. Emanuel 22, RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Widnes 10, Wigan 7.

Today's fixtures FIRST DIVISION: West Browwich Albien v Birmingham City (7.45). THIRD DIVISION: Lincoln City v ... Porismouth (7.50). FOURTH DIVISION: Newport County
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Beilers (3.50 at Church Road, Wimbleden). RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Castleford v Leeds (7.50),

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-world champion in March

Berlin, Feb 17.—Eckhard Dagge, the World Boxing Council light-middleweight champion, will de-fend his title on March 15 against Maurice Hope, Britain's European champion, it was announced today. The bout will take place in the Deutschland Halle in West Berlin, Dagge's manager and the promo-ter, Willy Zeller, said.

Dagge is West Germany's first world champion since Max Schmeling held the heavyweight title before the Second World War. Tall and lanky, Dagge surprised Elisha Obed, of the Bahamas, with a victous body attack last June. He then survived his first defence against Emile Griffith, of the United States, last September.

Dagge has been doing most of his training in Los Angeles and his training in Los Angeles and his style from a typical European to an American, jabbing and hooking. Zeller said a purse of 101,000 collars would be offered but gave details of how it would be unided, although he expected it to be Dagge's richest naviday. to be Dagge's richest pay-day.
Dagge, a professional since 1973,
has won 20 contests and lost turec.
Hope has won 20 of 22.—AP.

Jack Solomons, the manager of Charlie Nash, of Derry, Britain's No 2 lightweight, is to stage professional boxing in Belfast. Solomons will promote a show there on March 21 or 22, with Nash heading the bill. It will not be his first promotion there, for in March, 1964, he put on the British bantamweight championship between John Caldwell and George Bowes.

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It will be part of a campaign It will be part of a campaign which, he hopes, will lead Nash to a match with the European light-welterweight champion. Dave Green. Nash, who is unbeaten, boxes at the World Sporting Club. London, on February 28, in Belfast in March and at Cesar's Palace, Luton, on April 4. There he will meet the Spanish lightweight champion, Jeronimo Lucas.

Hockey West taught lesson in controlled play By Joyce Whitehead

New Zealanders 3 The New Zealand women's hockey team were back on course yesterday in the second match of their tour. They beat West on the Imperial Athletics ground at Knowle, Bristol, and taught their opponents a lasson.

In a fairly even first half Judith Phillips cleverly controlled the ball in a fall circle, paused for a split second and eluded the West goalkeeper with a heat shot to give the visitors the lead. West stacked strongly just before half time but their shots at goal were too few and too weak to make Knowle, Bristol, and taught their too few and too weak to make

a little dispirited; they were not allowed to do what they wanted with the ball and their through passes were gifts readily taken by the New Zealand defenders. The the New Zealand defenders. The visitors were superior in stickwork and speed on the ball and shey sturned from attack to defence with lightning speed. But perhaps the real key to their success was the quietly commanding role played by their centralial and captain, Pat Barwick. Her reach was deceptive and she seemed to know where to find each player. This was in great passing and failed dismany made passing and failed dismany they had free hits.

It was not surprising that Mrs Barwick was responsible for the New Zealanders' third goal. She hand-stopped a corner hit so accurately that Miss Phillips had a power thin sending a power this. who seldom used player-to-player passing and failed dismally when

accurately that Miss Phillips had no difficulty in sending a power-ful shot into goal. Before this, Glenis Horspool, the New Zealanders' left-inner, had scored west: 8-cond goal

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Sarvict: capualni; J. Noll, M. Gray,
Philips, J. McDenald, G. Horspool,
Lunn. their second goal

By Sydney Friskin

England's World Cup hockey party has been reduced from 24 to 18 for the next training weekend at Crystal Palace on February 25 and 27. This will be the last opportunity to get together before the international festival at Lord's on March 12 and 13, for which the number of England players will probably be 16.

There is a long way to go before the World Cup tournament is held at Buenos Aires in April. 1978, and new factors concerning the selection are bound to come to light in the concentrated programme of events leading up to it. Brian Purdy, one of the more experienced players, falled to survive the cut, which is a little surprising, but the side as it stands seems well stocked with midfield allower of his color. prising, but the side as it stands seems well stocked with midfield players of his class. There is still a shoctage of fop class forwards.

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Hope to face Rain stops Easterby risking Night Nurse in Ireland

The £10,000 Erin Foods hurdle at Leopardstown tomorrow has been deprived of its chief attraction, Night Nurse, the Champion Hurdler. At the cleventh hour, when Night Nurse was at Luton when Might Rurse was at Euron airport, Peter Easterby received news that, after further rain in Ireland, the ground was becoming very soft. Easterby decided to withdraw Night Nurse. In his absence Comedy of Errors is now a firm favourite to capture this new race, It is

rate their chances of keeping this valuable prize at home lower than do the English. A leading firm of Dublin bookmakers make of Dublin bookmakers make Comedy of Errors a 6 to 4 chance. but a London firm offers 9 to 4 against.

'As Night Nurse is not one of the 17 acceptors for the City Trial Hurdle at Nottingham on Monday. it looks as though he, as well as his stable-companion, Pigeon, will go to Cheltenbam without a preliminary race. This leaves Dramatist, who runs in the Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton, as the only leading contender for the championship who will run again before the National Hunt meet-

Incidentally, in the Nortingham race only three of those declared

Beacon Light, Peterhof and
Strombolus—will be running from their correct mark in this limited handicap. The weights of the other 14 acceptors have been lifted to 10 st 7 lb. But Tiepolino, the Schweppes fourth, already Schweppes fourth, already announced as an intended starter. has had to be raised only 1 lb. has had to be raised only 1 ib.
Yesterday there was further support for Lanzarote in the Gold Cup after his easy victory over modest opposition at Ascot on Wednesday. Lord Howard da Walden's nine-year-old is now top-priced at 7 to 1. The layer's books on this event must have a healthy appearance, as the original favourite, Royal Frolic, has been withdrawn and Brown Lad has suffered a setback in training.

The picture will be a great deal clearer after the Harold Clarke Handicap at Leopardstown tomorrow, and after the Fairlawne set to carry joint topweight in the Trout Steeplechase Limited Handicap. Tenut Steeplechase Limited Handicap take to carry joint topweight in the Arold Steeplechase Limited Handicap. Tenut Steeplechase Limited Handicap Trout Steeplechase Limited Handica

Newcastle programme

1.45 FOPLAR HURDLE (4y-o novices: £718: 2im)

2.45 OAK HURDLE (Handicap: £937: 2m 120yds)

Bumble Bay, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-5 Tom Morgan, K. Oliver, 8-11-5 Sun Llon, C. Richards, 7-11-2 Le Gaulois, K. Tuar, 5-11-1 lagham, S. Nosbin, 5-10-3 Grown Gourt (G), F. Walton, 7-10-3 Incandesopnes, E. Weymos, 8-10-5

3.15 TROUT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,216: 3m)

3.45 BEECH STEEPLECHASE (Novices' handicap: £826: 2m

From Our Racing Staff
1.4S Igioo Fire. 2.15 Maurivarano. 2.45 Sun Lion. 3.15 Bronco II. 3.45
Four Star. 4.15 Blue Chrome.

4.15 WILD DUCK HURDLE (Novices: £503: 2m 120yds)

Newcastie selections

Southwell results

1.0 (1.0) ELM TREE HURDLE (DIV I: Part I: Novices, £540; 22 mg)

2.15 SYCAMORE HURDLE (Novices' handicap: £503: 25m)



Steeplechase and the Jim Ford Cup at Windsor and Wincanton respectively next week. Fort Devon and Border Incident will probably avoid meeting each other, as Border Incident is set to concede weight to Fort Devon at Windsor; it is the other way round at Wincanton.

There is a Gold Cup trial of sorts at Newcastle this afternoon, where Tamalin and Broncho II are set to carry joint topweight in the Trout Steeplechase Limited Handicap. Tamalin, the better horse, has run below par since his valiant effort when chasing home Zeta's Son in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury. Broncho, on the other hand, advertised his well-being when pursuing Master H at Sandown Park. In the absence of any evidence of Tamalin's return to

Handicap Hurdle with Sun Lion. Beaten comfortably by his stable-companion, Lord Greystoke, at companion, Lord Greystoke, at Haydock Park, Sun Lion should have the most to fear from Jane Again, a course winner. Stephen Neshiti's New Zealand-bred gelding, Four Star, who was brought down by a loose horse at the last fence at Sedgefield when lengths ahead of his nearest attendant, Santon Brig, has Rolls Rambler to beat in the Beech Novices' Handicap.

At Fakenham there is an inte esting race in prospect for the Walter Wales's Hunters' Steeple-Waiter Waies's humers' Steeple-chase. The late Mr Wales's sou, David, will be trying to win the prize with Apache Chief, the win-ner of his only two races under rules last season. But I am going for Wintergreeu, who finished only half a length behind Drumbo at Wetherby.

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Goldstein wins' confidently on Turk

Ray Goldstein, who has been with David Morley for two and a half years, rode his first winner at the fornieth attempt when partnering Turk to victory by 12 lengths in the Full Moon Handicap Hurdle at Southwell yesterday.
Goldstrin rode a confident race, sending his mount ahead at the sixth flight and keeping cool when the five-year-old flattened the last two flights.

Aloha Prince, owned by a Total tenham bookmaker Bill Gooch, romped home in the second divi-sion of the Elm Tree Novices Hurdle. The gelding provided a well deserved success for the Newwan deserved success for the New market trainer Dick Westbrook, who has had three winners, five seconds and two thirds from 13 runners this season. Stephen Johar was also on the

mark, partnering the aptly named Lanky Lad to a win by six lengths over Coole Abbey in the Bromley Arms Handicap Steeplechase. the race won by Isle of Man at Newbury on Saturday but never put a foot wrong today. He won this race 12 months ago carrying 31lb less than yesterday.

Favourite is

Scott Joplyn, the ante-post favourite for the Lincoln, the first big handicap of the 1977 flat season, is "extremely doubtful" for the Doncaster race.

Clive Bristain, his trainer, said last night: "Scott Joplyn Jarred his near fore sesamoid joint at exercise today and it is highly utilikely that I will be able to get him ready for the Lincoln now. I am bitterly disappointed as the horse had been working well and I thought he had a great chance."

Taunton became the 94th casualty of the National Hunt season when yesterday's fixture was called off after an early

Fakenham programme





4.0 HUNSTANTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 3m)

Fakenham selections

From Our Racing Staff 1.30 Grinling Gibbons. 2.0 Cregg Park. 2.30 Straight Fair. 3.0 Winter-green. 3.30 Trustfol. 4.0 Peter The Great.

Turk, ch g, by Native Prince—
Devon Chimes (L. Furman)
5-10-0 ... B. Goldstam (6-1) 1
Irish Guichsteps, K. McCauley
Tyshoon, ... C. Candy (3-1 fat) 3
ALSO RAN: 9.2 Saragusa, 5-1 Goldburg, 6-1 Grecian Fighter, 9-1 Princerello, 12-1 Trail Blazer (p), 14-1
Coverdos, While pp. 35-1 Say Boy (4lh), Swirl, Blazing Gold, Balanair (p), 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 21p, 39p
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Part I: Novices: \$3-30: 22-m)
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5-10-7
S. Smith-Eccles (6.4 fam.) ALSO RAN: 7-4 fay Prince Reynard
(f). 8-1 Good Relations (f). 9-1
Sharmy Syke (p). 10-1 Carpette. 12-1
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Senior Wrangier. 1 Carpette. Nonsuch Hill (Mp.) Definitely, 12 ran. S. Smith-Eccles (6-4 fav) 1

Met Hand ... B. R. Davies (3-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Daring Dolly, 14-1
Neudor (p), 16-1 Night Messeneer
(p), 33-1 Captain Kenneth (p), 50-1
Admiral Slonde (4th), Deemond Dens,
Miss Forte, Parachute Pire, Barney's
First, Betony (n), Kalsbrakh (g),
Frank Flash (s), 13 Tan.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 12p, 14p,
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Ice hockey

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Early finish by women workers is discrimination against men

his application for a declaration that he was being unfairly discriminated against by his employers, Automotive Products Ltd.

Section 1 of the Act provides: Section I of the Act provides:

"(1) A person discriminates against a woman in any circumstances relevant for the purposes of any provision of this Act if—(a) on the ground of her sex he treats her less favourably than he

treats or would treat a man, Section 6(2) provides: "It is unlawful for a person, in the case of a woman employed by him... of a woman employed by him ...

no discriminate against her—(a)
in the way he affords her access
to opportunities for promotion
transfer or training, or to any
other benefits, facilities or services, or by refusing or deliberately omitting to afford her access
to them, or (b) by dismissing
her, or subjecting her to any
other detriment."

By section 2 provisions relating
to discrimination against women
apply equally to men.

apply equally to men.

Mr Peake in person; Mr Christopher Clarke for the employers.

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, in a MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, in a reserved judgment of the Appeal Tribunal, said that Mr Peake who had been employed by the company since 1972, applied on April 25, 1976, to an industrial tribunal on the grounds that he was being discriminated against at 4.25 pm each weekday in that the women were allowed to leave the factory at 4.25 and the men had to walt until 4.30.

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Inte Appeal Tribural's first impression was that the application was unreasonable. But it was not as simple as that. Mr Peake said that it was wrong that such privileges should be accorded to women because they were women. Some men needed the same special consideration in the rush to the factory gates as the women. The Appeal Tribunal realized they had to put aside their preconceptions and take the Act as the only reliable guide. It was a very complicated guide, and no layman who wished to know his rights and duties would obtain a clear snawer by reading it. The industrial tribunal had approached the case on the wrong basis. But they had found as a fact that the arrangements had been made in the interests of safety and that finding was hinding on the Appeal Tribunal. The industrial tribunal had fallen into two errors. They had overlooked the fact that rights

Peake v Automotive Products
Itd
Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mrs
A. L. T. Taylor and Mr J. H.
Goff
A factory which allowed women employees to leave five minutes earlier than men in order to avoid the rush to the factory gates at the end of the day shift, was contravening the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975. Four thousand of the company's 6,000 men and 500 women work on the day shift.

Mr Frederick Barry Peake, a hopfloor worker, of Kentiworth, Varwickshire, successfully appealed against the dismissal by a irmingham industrial tribunal of is application for a declaration at he was being unfairly dis
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Act. If the less favourable trear-ment of which he complained related only to the payment of money, he could have no claim under the Sex Discrimination Act. A system of equal pay was in operation and the men and women worked the same normal the women were could still say that the women were being paid the same for less work—five minutes same for less work—five minutes a day. The reality, however, was that it was not a matter relating to the payment of money.

Even so. Mr Peake would have a claim under the Equal Pay Act if he was doing "like work" with a woman who was permitted to leave five minutes before he was. leave five minutes before he was, if that privilege was something regulated by the contract of employment. Thus three questions arose. Was he doing "like work" with a woman? Was the privilege of leaving early a matter regulated by the contract of employment? If so, was the equality clause in Mr Peake's contract prevented from operating by reason.

vented from operating by reason of section1(3) of the Equal Pay Act? In the absence of findings by In the absence of findings by the industrial tribunal, the Appeal Tribunal accepted the submission that Mr Peake was doing "like work " with a woman. They also concluded that the practice of women leaving early was not regulated by the contract. Accordingly, Mr Peake could not have brought his complaint under the Equal Pay Act. Since the variation in treatment was due to the difference of sex, section 1(3) did not apply. did not apply.

The scheme of the Sex Dis-

did not apply. The scheme of the Sex Discrimination Act required consideration of whether the act complained of was discrimatory, as defined by Part I of the Act and whether it was rendered unlawful by Part II. There was no doubt that the employers treated Mr Peake less favourably than they would have treated a woman, within the meaning of section 1(1)(a). The question was whether they did so "on the ground of [his] sex". The employers contended that the whole purpose of the alleged discrimination was to ensure safety, and that that was a sensible and practical way to go about it wholly free from any intention to discriminate.

The Appeal Tribunal did not accept that. The employers were confusing the purpose of the act complained of with the factual nature of the act itself. Section

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Act. Solicitors: Mr L. Leamington Spe. Grading schemes in equal pay cases

National Vulcan Engineering Insurance Co Ltd v Wade Insurance Co Ltd v Wade Before Mr Justice Phillips, Mr B. L. Mackle and Ms P. Smith.

Industrial tribunals should consider the nature and operation of an evaluation study or grading scheme when deciding whether an employer had discharged the onus on him, under section 1(3) of the Act, namely, that each was classified into a section 1(3) of the Act, namely, that each was classified into a section 1(3) it would be section 1(3) of the Act, namely, that each was classified into a section 1(3) it would be a consider whether the land that the variation was duly difference of sex. In 1 and the variation was duly difference other than sex visiting that the variation was duly difference other than sex visiting that the variation was duly difference of sex. In 1 and the acheme when deciding whether an employer had discharged the onus on him, under section 1(3) of the Equal Pay Act, 1970, of proving that the rariation in pay between a man and a woman was genuinely due to a material difference between their cases other than are manifest than are manifest than are manifest than the page. son of the situation of two em-ployees employed on like work, or on being employed on work rated as equivalent, having been given

The employers, National Vulcan Engineering Insurance Co Ltd., lost an appeal against a decision

lost an appeal against a decision of a Manchester industrial tribunal awarding Mrc Edna Wade, a policy clerk, equality of pay with a male colleague.

Section 1(3) of the Act provides: "An equality clause shall not operate in relation to a variation between the woman's contract and the man's contract if the employer proves that the variation is genuinely due to a material difference (other than the difference of sex) between her case and his". Mr Martin Collins, QC, and Mr illes Wingate-Saul for the em-loyers; Mr F. Sharp, union offi-

Glies Wingate-Saul for the employers; Mr F. Sharp, union official, for Mrs Wade

MR JUSTICE PHILLIPS, reading the reserved judgment of the Appeal Tribunal, said that Mrs Wade had been employed since May 19, 1976, as a policy clerk. Her work included the amendment and endorsement of policies of existing policy-holders, the preparation of new policies and other tasks which called for experience, accuracy and care. Finding that she was being paid less than a young male colleague, Mr McCann, she made a claim under the Equal Pay Act, 1970. The industrial tribunal found that both of them were employed on "like work" within the meaning of section 1(4) and that Mrs Wade was entitled to be paid at the same tate as

in Weddington v Leicastar Council for Voluntary Services (The Times, December 17, 1976) the Appeal Tribunal said that where remuneration was fixed in accordance with widely negotiated wage scales there would seem to be a strong reason for saying that the case fell within section 1(3)—that the variation was genuinely due to a material difference other than see. Once a women had established that she was being paid less than a man in the same employment who was employed on "like work" with her, it was presumed that the variation between her contract and his was due to the difference in sex. The Act formed a code with the Sex Discrimination. Act and was the performance in municipal law of the country's obligations under Article 119 of the Treaty of Rome. Thus, when an industrial pribural came to consider the claim of an employer that section 1(3) was satisfied, the prima facile position had been Once a women had established

Queen's Bench Division

£132,970 damages for man of courage

Bowker v Rose
Before Mr Justice Talbot
His Lordship, in awarding
fi32,970 damages to Mr Max
Bowker—the highest award ever
made for personal injuries—beld
that social security benefits he
was receiving should not be
deducted. Mr Bowker of Tilehurst
Road, Reading, sued Mrs Vivienne
Jean Rose, of New Brighton Road,
Emsworth, Hampshire, in whose
car he was travelling when it was
involved in an accident in 1971.
He was then a student of 23.
Mr John Alkott, QC, and Mr
James Badenoch for Mr Bowker;
Mr Michael Turner, QC, and Mr
Jonathan Playford for the
defendant.
MR JUSTICE TALBOT said Mr
Bowker was severely injured in

Bowker was severely injured in the accident, but by determination. the accident, but by determination, personal effort and courage he had fought his way back and achieved a measure of independence. He was now employed as an assistant quantity surveyor by Berkshire County Council, who should be highly commended.

Medical evidence was that he had no power at all in the abdominal muscles or lower limbs, and that he had a life expectancy of about 21 years. He lived with the support of a woman-help, who worked on a 24-hours-a-day, sevendays-a-week basis. His Lordship had no doubt that he was a young man of considerable ability and determination and would have gone to the top of his profession as a quantity surveyor.

His Lordship considered, interalia, the question whether a reduc-

tion should be made in respect of an attendance allowance and a mobility allowance received by Mr Bowker under sections 35 and 37(A)(1) respectively of the Social Security Act, 1975. The amounts received totalled £600. Should they be deducted from the special damages and from the loss of earnings claim? In Parsons v BNM Laboratories Ltd [[1964] 1 QB 95) it was held, in an action relating to wrongful dismissal, that unemployment benefit mitigated the plaintiff's loss of earnings and his damages must be reduced by the sum thus received. In Daish v Wauton ([1972] 2 QB 262) Lord Justice Stephenson, referring to National Health Service benefits, said that ... it does seem clear that ... these benefits should be conferred independently both of any loss of earning capacity and of any loss of earning capacity and of any legal liability in another person to compensate the victim ... It seemed that the present allowances fell more within the Daish case. The Parsons case should be considered more in the context of wrongful dismissal. Mr Bowker was entitled to the benefits as of right. It was true that for part of his loss he was receiving money from the state and from the defendant, but he had made his contributions to the national insurance scheme, and there was no reason why the defendant should not get the benefit of those contributions. The total amount of damages awarded should be £132,970.

Solicitors: Thomas Eggar & Son, Chichester; Laurence Graham & Co.

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It was against that bet that an assertion by an ematter the variation was do operation of some schemanagement for the pay wager had to be judged.

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The question was, where a claim based on "like work" was enricled to succeed, subject to the employer discharging the onus upon him under section 1(3), what weight ought to be given to an evaluation study or other scheme as a result of which the woman and the man, although engaged on like work, had been differently treated.

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Wilson team

this year on

City finance

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke ... Financial Editor

The Wilson Committee intends publishing an interim report—possibly by the endoof this year—on what it regards

as the central theme of its inugicy into the City, the provi-sion of funds for industry and

Earlier this year, after the committee's first meeting, 'its chairman, Sir Herold Wilson, made it clear that the commit-

tee regarded this subject as of paramount importance.

Other questions such as whether there should be greater

supervision of the financial system and whether big banks

and insurance companies should be nationalized along the lines

proposed by the Labour Party, would be "late, but not low" on the list of the committee's priorities, he said.

It was clear at the outset

that the Wilson Committee would not complete its work for at least two years, possibly three. The decision to try so

to the debate which has already

This is particularly so in view

of the substantial work already carried out by the National Economic Development Council committee on finance for investment (the Roll Committee) which was sat up early last

Under Sir Eric Roll this com

to report

lanks cut base rate to $11\frac{1}{2}$ pc ut mortgage outlook unclear

rates have fallen the banks yesterday their base rates by a

ver, this further cut in tes does not necessarily lower mortgage charges, though the building are expected to con-

substantially over the past difference between base rates month. This follows a drastic and the rate offered to small fall in the last two months of depositors. The latter fell by 1976 and a partial recovery in January and they will want con-

£150m; and the other three big clearing banks, which report over the next two weeks, are also expected to show sharply higher profits. In contrast to the last occa-

sion on which they cut their er their next meeting in base rates, the clearers yester-idle of March that their day made no move to widen

depositors. The latter fell by a point to 8 per cent. Given the direction of money

I their base rates by a point of the better trend before they are prepared to lower their rates.

Yesterday's move to cut base rates was initiated by Lloyds banks pointed out yesterday that they had been reluctant to cut their rates ahead of make-up day—when the banks asset and liability figures are profits from the f95.5m reported for 1975 to more than the banks assembled for monitoring by the Bank of England. Since any vigorous growth in their any vigorous growth in their interest bearing eligible liabilities will incur penalties under the "corset", the banks are anvious not to encourage any significant growth in their

be a major problem. Thanks in part to some juggling with their assets and liabilities, and in part to some run off of the borrowing taken out in the autumn in the expectation of some such move to restrain the banks' activities as the imposi-tion of the "corset", the clear-ing banks have now trimmed back the growth in their inter-

are experiencing no anniculty in obtaining loans, and it was in part to dissuade such customers from going for cheaper alternatives in the money markets that the banks lowered their base rates yesterday.

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est bearing liabilities, which are believed to be little in excess of that permitted by the "cor-set", if at all.

Priority borrowers—commer-cial and industrial customers are experiencing no difficulty

MONEY SUPPLY

of the money stock, seasonally adjusted at the mid-month make-

Coats gets £45m loan to finance expansion

By Our Financial Staff
Coats Patons, the big Glasglow-based textiles group whose
interests extend from thread
and yarns to fabrics and knitteer has arranged to be been the and yarns to fairles and knit-wear, has arranged to borrow £45m in medium-term money from the National Westminster Bank, Some £25m of the money is earmarked to replace exist-ing loans which are coming up for renewal; but the rest will finance capital spending, prin-cipally within the United King-dom.

dom.
Mr. C. P. Wallace, Coats.
Parons finance director, said
yesterday that the group had
spent £16m-£20m on additions to its fixed assets last year and that the figure was likely to be "quite substantially" bigher in 1977. In particular the group was planning to spend money on the extremely successful Jaeger manufactur-ing and retail operations, on its knitwear division, and on its West Riding yarns and fabrics

interests.

The decision to spend in such quantities within Britain comes as something of a surprise, for most of the home-based subsidiaries have had a difficult time over the past 18 months, and there has been some rationalization, particularly in industrial yarns. However, Mr Wallace said yesterday that there had been a dramatic improvement in the prospects for the British divisions since the turn of the year, with orders coming in at nuch faster rate.

The £25m to replace existing loans will be supplied in foreign currencies and mainly will be used to finance exports. This will leave the group free to finance its working capital requirements — which are ex-pected to rise substantially this year, mainly as a result of cost inflation—out of its existing overdraft facilities.

The new loans are to drawn down from the middle of 1977, and will run for five to seven years. Coats Paton will be paying a margin (un-specified, but at a "blue chip rate", says Mr Wallace) over interbank rate.

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Cannon repays profits on 'intuitive' Lonrho loan stock purchases

Cannon Assurance has repaid profits of around £10,000 which it made on "intuitive" purit made on "intuitive" purchases of Lourho loan stock last year ahead of the group's decision to redeem the stock.

The deals, which first came to light last July and involved Cannon's parent Cannon's parent company Keyser Ullmann and Loorho in

Posting its findings vesterday the Stock Exchange indicated that the investment manager at Cannon, whose chairman Mr Edward du Cann is also a Lonrho director, had bought stock in the market after seeing a British Insurance Association circular which asked for details of all the company's holdings in Lonrhe securities.

The Stock Exchange " noted "

a City controversy, have been the subject of a Stock Exchange

that Cannon had repaid all profits it made on redemption of the £94,000 nominal involved to the sellers.

A spokesman for Cannon said yesterday: "Our view was that this was a perfectly proper deal and there was nothing to be criticized in the way it was "But in order to make sure

there was no criticism at all and no hard feelings we decided to make the repayments. No pressure was brought on us by the British Insurance Association or the Stock Exchange."
Speaking from the House of Commons last night, Mr du Cann said: "It was a trivial matter which got blown up out of all proportion."

The situation, which re-sulted in Keyser making policy changes regarding investment in certain stocks, arose when Lonrho decided last February to call in two loan stocks and asked Keyser Ullman to negotiate prices with major stock-holders and organize repayments.

time the share jumped from following normal 67p to 82p per share.

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procedure, approached the BIA to help identify major institu-tional holders by sending out "holding notices" to its members. One of these went to Cannon, which is 57 per cent owned by Keyser. Although these notices give

no indication of what action was be taken it was claimed that in this case one of Cannon's vesiment managers guessed that a repayment was on the way and instructed brokers to make quiet purchases in the market.

A BIA spokesman said last night that the circular involved was one of many issued routinely. "On this occasion someone made an inference which happened to be correct. I wonder how many times people have guessed wrongly?"
Martin dealings: An Exchange inquiry into dealings ahead of the 85p per share cash bid by S & W Berisford for Tom Mertio Metals last June has resulted in the transfer of certain information" to the City Takeover Panel which is now understood to be pursuing the matter. Martin announced that it was in takeover talks several days before the deal

was confirmed, during which

Allied chief spells out

£164m investment plan

mittee, which includes repre-sentatives from the trade unions, management, the City and government was set up with a wide brief to look at finance for industry. The Roll Committee has looked specifically at counter-

cyclical investment plans and the need to ensure that industry has adequate finance for capital

While much of the Roll Com-mittee's investigations cover the same ground as the Wilson Committee is inquirying into, the view apparently is that the debate on industrial investment will be of such importance by the turn of the year that the latter should make its views known.

As such, the last' meeting earlier this month of Sir Harold's committee adopted a degree of urgency not se degree of urgency not seen at the first meeting. It-was de-cided to write to all providers and users of finance as well as government departments and the Bank of England asking for their written views within two months on the subject of funds for industrial investment.

evidence on this subject before deciding whether it is possible to present an interim report to the Prime Minister, who called for the inquiry into the City in the face of left-wing calls for the face of left-wing calls for bank and insurance nationalizarion to be included in the next Labour election manifesto. 🚁

company News, page 20 recover bitumen.

It sales cause sharp drop in money supply

d Correspondent eavy sales of gilt edged is by the authorities led erp contraction in the supply in the banking to mid-January. Al-this keeps the Governmonetary expansion in rem financial year, it il provoke concern that netary squeeze should

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rate of expansion in the month system become that the Bank to mid-December of 4.9 per cent and a peak rate of expansion of 22.2 per cent in September—this latter figure, of course, beto the October crisis measures.

Although seasonally-adjusted bank lending to the private sector did, in fact, rise by about £160m in the latest period, nonbank sterling sight deposits fell by £261m, time deposits by £176m and holdings of certifi-cates of deposits by some cates £200m.

These falls were caused almost entirely by the diversion of funds into the gilt edged market, where both domestic and overseas investors were buying heavily in the expectation of falling interest rates fol-lowing the setting up of the sterling safety net.

Over the period covered by the latest figures, the authorities issued three new "tap" stocks-nominal value £1,850m -and so great did the squeeze on the liquidity of the banking

FT ORDINARY.

SHARE INDEX

The

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24-point gain over

past three days has lifted the FT index to within 10 points

on February 4. On January 28 the index broke through

the barrier for the first time in more than eight months.

Racal Electronics has won its battle for control of Milgo Electronic Corporation of Miami, Florida.

The British company said last night that it now had slightly more than 50 per cent of the Milgo capital. The other bidder

Milgo capital. The other bidder for Milgo, Applied Digital Data Systems has agreed with Racal to extend its exchange offer for Milga shares until 9.45 am New York time on February 22 to permit further discussions of the ownership and control of Milgo, and the resolution of outstanding disputes between Racal and ADDS. Racal has been told by ADDS that should these discussions not lead to a satisfac-

cussions not lead to a satisfac-tory resolution of the situation, ADDS will decide whether to

retain its interest in Milgo or to tender its holding of Milgo

shares to Racal.

Racal victory

in the battle

for Milgo

the 400 mark, last achieved

of England was forced to release some £730m of special deposits to ease the strain on ne bank's reserve assets base. The fall in sterling M3 over the six week period now means that it has risen by 5.9 per cent in the first three quarters of the financial year to mid-April. This would indicate that the

Government is now easily inside

the target of 9-13 per cent growth for the full year that was mentioned by Mr Healey in December. The other main indication from yesterday's figures is that the Government is also well in-side its £9,000m ceiling for domestic credit expansion this year. With substantial pur-chases of foreign currency for the reserves around the turn of the year, DCE will have failen appreciably more sharply than sterling M3—and probaby by enough to leave DCE after nine months of the year at well un-der £5.000m.

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Challenge to | US shareholders claim £600,000 from Rank

By Christopher Wilkins

The Rank Organisation have shareholders in 1975.
begun legal action against the In its annual report company seeking nearly £600,000 in damages as a result of the offer for sale of new shares made by Rank in April, 1975. Rank's annual report reveals

that the damages claim has been made by 83 plaintiffs resi-dent in the United States in respect of 15 million shares. The company notes that it is advised that it has a good defence to the claim", and it has not made any provision for potential liability in its

eccounts. Legal action was initiated in

the British courts towards the end of last year, but if it is to be fought through the courts at all—which is by no means certain—it is unlikely to be this The dispute has arisen as a

result of the exclusion of American shareholders from the

American shareholders in which was extended to other . In its annual report covering

that year Rank stated that it "would have preferred to have made a rights issue to all of its existing shareholders but that this was not found practic-It said that any issue of

shares to North American shareholders would only have been permitted if registration with the American and Canaviously been made.

"A thorough examination was undertaken by our professional advisers into the conse-quences of such a registration and it was reluctantly decided that these would have been too

"In particular the Organisation would have been required to depart from normal United Kingdom accounting practices adopted over many years."

of the Cedtral Electricity Generating Board, the NCB's largest single customer.

would be spent on casks, fork-lift trucks and other brewery Mr Keith Showering, chairequipment, plus film on dis-tribution depots which, he had earlier told shereholders, would terdey explained bow the com-pany would spend the £164m it has earmarked for levest-ment by the end of next year. Since this capital expenditure help the company in future to avoid the distribution difficulties experienced during last year's record summer. Some 520m is to be spent on developing the group's representation in the free trade market, and

programme was accounced last month, there has been specula-tion about how the outlay would be said between the a further £14m is being devoted After the annual meeting in to miscellaneous provisions.
Allied's wine and spirits divi-London yesterday, Mr Shower-London yesserday, Mr Shower-ing revealed that the United Kingdom brewing division had been allocated £145m, of which £46m, the largest single slice of the programme, will be de-voted to building pubs and renovating existing houses and sion has been allocated the remaining £19m of the total capital outlay, Mr Showering said., Of that, £13m would be soent on the British market, while £6m would help to ex-

pand overseas interests. Doubt less, a large pert of this will be devoted to the development Some £31m is devoted to improving and increasing capacity at breweries, notably lager capacity. Mr Showering revealed

that this greater emphasis on lager "had been put in band at our Romford brewery". While all seven of the com-pany's breweries will receive a portion of the outlay it seems clear that Romford, and the largest of the brewing division plants at Burton, will get the lion's share of the 131m.

of Teachers whisky export potential.
Outside the £164m investment programme, Allied's chairman also revealed that the group would invest £23m in expand-

ing its overseas division, including Skol International and the group's interests in the Dutch brewing and soft drinks mar-

BP Canada in pilot oil production project. BP Canada, Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas, and Pancandien Petroleum are to build a pilot plant to produce heavy oil from the Cold Lake decosits in northeastern Albert by an im situ process. The project, which

Lloyds Bank Base Rate

loyds Bank announces that nth effect from Friday, February 8th, 1977, its Base Rate for ending is reduced to 11½%. he rate of interest on 7-day otice Deposit accounts and avings Bank ccounts will be %, a decrease f 1%.

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lydesdale Bank Limited announces that 1 effect from 18th February, 1977, its e rate for lending is being decreased n $12\frac{1}{2}\%$ to $11\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

rise in lead prices By Wallace Jackson,

A clash developed yesterday between the British Battery Manufacturers Association and London Metal Exchange about the recent sharp rise in the price of lead on the LME. Mr John Ray, managing director of Chloride Europe and chairman of the BBMA. said that there was no evidence. either from consumption or the level of industrial activity, to justify the £100 increase on

Letters had been sent to Mr Fred Wolff, chairman of the LME committee and Six Peter Carey, Permanent Secretary at the Department of Industry, asking that the Government, the LME and the Bank of England should act to curb speculation and pointing out that this was done in May, 1974, by limiting non-trade activity.

Mr Wolff said a shortage of
physical metal, and not
speculative buying, was behind

i tonge reflected a shortage of ooth scrap and primary metal as well as strong buying from the eastern block and the United States.

At the afternoon close cash lead was at £404 a tonne, £16.75 up on the day, and three months was £11 up at £410.50 a

Fear of haulage 'chaos' after wages decision

By Christopher Thomas

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Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday accepted a recommendation to abolish the Road Haulage Wages Council, which sets statutory minimum pay rates for 220,000 lorry drivers.

The Road Haulage Association immediately gave warning of "chaotic situations" in industrial relations.

The recommendation was published yesterday by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), which

tration Service (Acas), which said the council was no longer necessary to maintain a reasonable standard of remuner-ation for the workers it covers. It suggests that the private sector should build on existing local agreements and develop them into joint industrial councils, while a national body should be set up for discussion of matters of common interest.
Acas said in its report that the majority of workers in the industry were covered by voluntary collective agreements and the present bargaining powers of the trade unions were sufficient to maintain an adequate level of pay.

The wages council should not be converted into a national joint industrial council for the

industry.

The Road Haulage Association last night said the report virtually dismissed the position of the numerous employees who were not trade union members, and failed to anticipate the chaoric situations which would arise in labour relations under such a system.

Financial Editor, page 19 Second coal price rise in autumn hinted

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent

A 15 per cent rise in com-prices from April 1 was confirmed yesterday and the National Coal Board gave a warning that it may have to seek another increase in the autumn to cover the cost of. early reprement for mine-

rise should cover all the board's increased costs provided that early retirement could be financed from increased pro-ductivity, now being discussed with the unions.

The size of the increase and the prospect, of another rise later in the year provoked a "strong protest" from Sir Arthur Hawkins, the chairmen

The NCB said the 15 per cent

How the markets moved.

In a letter to Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the NCB, he said the CEGB bad been hoping to burn an extra three million tonnes of coal in the coming financial year. "With a 15 per cent price increase, our coal burn is not likely to go up by more than one million tonnes. As a result of the increase

the CEGB, which depends on coal for 75 per cent of its generating capacity, will see its amual coal bill rise by £170m to £1,350m. Electricity boards in England and Wales will have to add about 8 per cent to customers' bills through quarterly increases in the fuel cost ad

The coal price increase is also a blow to the British Steel Corporation, whose coal bill last year was slightly less than £280m. BSC said last night that the rise would add about £50m to its annual coal bill. It means that the BSC faces further preserve up its price levels. ther pressure on its price levels but because of poor market conditions it has been forced to delay increases planned for April until July at the earliest and in some cases has cut prices by offering rebates.

justment clause in 1977-78, to meet these increased costs.

Domestic coal prices will also rise by 15 per cent although summer discount rates will mean that the increases will not be fully implemented until the

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Sterling dropped 0.15 cents to
\$1.7055. The "effective devaluation" rate was 43.4 per cent.
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\$136.625. Share prices On other pages Wall Street
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Commodities: Coffee prices rose sharply. 'Renter's index was at 1637.4 (previous 1630.3).

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Two censured over Edward Wood collapse

By Ray Maughan
A highly critical Department of Trade investigation into the affairs of Edward Wood, a quoted engineering company controlled by Mr Desmond Lyons and Mr Bruce Le Marquand, and its involvement with Skibben Winton Construction has raised serious questions about the laws and practices relating to licensed dealers in securities. and the statutory requirements for pros-

The DoT inspectors, Mr Derek Clarkson, QC, and accountant Mr Kenneth Mckinlay were appointed under section 165 of the Companies Act 1948 to investigate allegations of fraud by the vendors of SWC at the behest of Wood shareholders and the instigation of Mr Lyons and Mr Le Marquand

But the inspectors concluded that we are in no doubt that the failures of one or both companies under examination were primarily attributable to the conduct of Mr Lyons, supported by Mr Le:Marquand ".

The latter, who lost £350,000 through ventures, escaped reasonably lightly from the inspectors' censure. But the inspectors reached the opinion that "Mr Lyons is a person unit to be in charge of shareholders" or investors' funds in any form, On his record, despite much ingenuity, he has never scored any lasting success

in any of his schemes; on the contrary he has been censured by the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers over various transactions, including some of

those under review". Before Mr Lyons acquired Wood and was searching for a stock market vehicle, he was censured for a breach of rule 30 of the Takeover Code, where it was found that he had had inside dealings in Rowan & Boden.

Yet the inspectors point out that when he was debarred from dealing in his own name, and was unable to deal in the name of his own company, he seems to have found no difficulty in overating through Stanhope Fin-

The inspectors established that Stanhope had close connexions with D. F. Lyons, a licensed dealer controlled by Mr Le Marquand, and in January and March, 1973, made offers (on behalf of DFL), of first 6p then 15p for ordinary

shares in Edward Wood.

The offer for Wood and the eventual acquisition of SWC were closely connected. Wood, at the time of DFL's offer, was played into members' voluntary liquidation although it remained cuoted. When DFL acquired more than 50 per cent, a stay of liquidation was achieved, an integral part of which was DFL's commitment to inject substantial new assets into Wood.

KWC, Mr Lyons's choice as an injec-

Appeal to toolmakers to

avert Leyland shutdown

the secondary bank, First National Finance Corporation, was its chief

source of finance. Central to the original allegations of fraud-and in turn the inspectors criticisms-was the form of the offer and thet basis of a profit forecast made by the vendors of SWC.

The main cause of the failures of Wood and KWC, the inspectors decided, "was the disastrous venture whereby Wood acquired SWC at a price which included £100,000, payable in cash. followed by the irresponsible conduct of Mr Lyons and Mr Le Marquand in abstracting the remaining funds in Wood in attempts to meet their commitments elsewhere ".

As regards SWC, they judged, "Mr Lyons's allegations of fraud on the part of the vendors seem to us ill-founded. Having regarded all warnings of possible trouble as a vendors' plot to break off the deal "Mr Lyons promptly changed course when the foreseeable problems emerged and alleged that the rendors had deliberately defrauded him by concealing the true position", they added.

As the inspectors discovered "it is indicative of the spirit in which the entire scheme was put forward, namely, that if it was not necessary to say or do something, it was necessary not to say

requirements for prospectuses are out of date. Because the company in question was not currently quoted, this

leaves an obvious loophole We see no reason why the discipline which applies to investors outside the range of quoted securities should be less strict than that of the Stock Exchange-indeed, there are obvious reasons to the contrary.

"We recommend that the standards of disclosure and presentation for all communications to all investors should be raised to a level not lower than that now obligatory in respect of quoted securities", the inspectors concluded.

Mr Lyons became managing director of Stanhope last year and had intended to reapply for his dealing licence. Having been informed that Stanhope's licence was not to be renewed, he consequently resigned, and the Department of Trade is now understood to be considering afresh the question of the company's licences.

In a prepared statement last night, Mr Lyons said: "I was directly responsible for the appointment of the inspectors. I believe their report is essentially untrue and attempts to disguise the true facts. Further, I believe it is fundamentally dishonest and contains unjustified defamatory statements unwarranted in the public interest."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

out which no technology-based

industry can thrive-but he

plays also an important part in

shop-floor, in marketing, and in

chartered engineer

required by his code of con-

duct to have a proper regard for public health, safety and

It is essential in our wiew

that in any consultative-arrangements established to

achieve worker-participation,

the professional engineer's voice should be heard and that

it should be heeded, irrespec-

tive of whether he is a member

A first essential in any intro-duction of industrial democracy,

whenever this should be and in

whatever guise, must be to pre-vent it from becoming a

divisive issue within manage

ment, within the workforce and within the country as a

whole. Moreover, the contribu-

tion of the engineering and the

other professions must not be

denigrated.
It would indeed be tragic if a

new form of industrial manage-ment, aimed at better consulta-

tion, was to fail to achieve the

objective of greater efficiency because of inadequate consulta-tion and preparation and a lack

therefore be made for full con-

sultation with the professions,

and the engineering profession, through the CEI, is ready and willing to partake in any such

challenge and achievement, and

with them enthusiasm and

commitment are diluted, too. To

a large extent the motivation of

middle management depends uron the scope for initiative

which senior management allow

Yes, managers want more

money—as do doctors and dust-men. Those of us who regularly clock-up 60-hour weeks without

overtime have a good case for

it, too, But what most managers

really want is the chance to

manage—to practise their pro-

fession as a surgeon or a

barrister or an actor practises

Yours faithfully,

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ANTHONY L. HUNT,

45 Vernon Avenue.

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Yours faithfully,

CHARLES PRINGLE.

Institutions, 2 Little Smith Street,

Chairman, Council of Engineering

foresight. Provision must

of a trade union.

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management. Not least of all

Bullock: professional engineers must be heard design and development-with-

Sir. Much has already been said and written about the Bullock Report but I would like to take advantage of your columns to say a word on behalf of the engineering profession, as it is the engineer on whom our

manufacturing industry de-pends for technology which their ultimately generates wealth and, therefor therefore, the wealth of this country. Because of his professional code of conduct and his indus-

trial aspiration to become part of the management of industry and because he generally regards his relationship with his employers as a personal one, the professional engineer in private industry, in common with members of other profeshas not until 510ES, generally considered it desirable to join a trade union. This council is therefore deeply conof the Bullock Committee has polarized industry into employers—or shareholders' representatives on the one hand and trade unions on the other. Apart from partaking in the initial vote as to whether or not there should be employee representation on the board, those in the engineering profes-sion who are not members of recognized trade unions are in effect disenfranchized from exercising their rights in industrial "democracy". We strongly, therefore, that in We feel industrial democracy profes-sionals should be recognized as a third force with a vital interest in, and responsibility for, the performance of indus-try as well as an added responsibility to the public at

large.
This is especially true of the This is especially true of the Westminster, professional engineer: not London, SW1P 3DL. only is he responsible for February 11.

From Mr Anthony L. Hunt

Sir, The plight and motivation

of British managers has had considerable attention in your

pages recently. As the marketing manager of a medium-sized

company (having previously worked for two "blue-chip" giants) may I make a point about motivation, so far over-

The primary motivation of

any manager is the opportunity

to confront complex problems which threaten his operation

and, by a combination of skill,

calculation, cunning, creativity

and persuasion, to overcome

from standing back and saving to oneself "I initiated that".

In smaller entrepreneurial companies this satisfaction is

The satisfaction comes

Motivation of managers

Production a use of titanium

From Mr G. Laybourne Sir, I wish to refer to 1 informative article on of ritanium by Chiffore controlling operations on the

> IMI as now being the largest producer of 1 tubing is incorrect. information the comp which we are United k distributors, Titanium Corporation of America fact the world's largest p

with the statement that for titanium has been de in recent years. As wir industrial metals titani suffered from reduced se ing the current recessi 1974 and 1975 were breaking years, both fo volume and the introdunew applications. In th respect the current de has had little effect ; velopment of new out uses of this most versatil has continued in a positi

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earnings

Sir, In the past month o have repeatedly seen re-both in your colum-other financial newspather possible amendmen employments.

in the Inland Rerecent press release I be
is explained that they a
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Geoffrey Newman and P 65 Grosvenor Street, Loudon, WIX 9DB.

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G. LAYBOURNE SMITE Sales Director, Titanium Metal Limited. 85 London Wall,

Overseas

From Mr G. G. Neuma

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Fund surplus offers hope for cheaper holidays

By Patricia Tisdall Discussions which result in cheaper package holidays are about to take place

between the Government's Air Travel Reserve Fund Agency and the Civil Aviation Autho-At present holidaymakers a total of £6.4m. taking air-inclusive holidays pay
a levy of 2 per cent to the fund, 100,000 holiday ser up by the government to reimburse clients of failed air

after the collapse of Clarksons The first annual report of the Agency, issued yesterday shows that it needed to draw

Leyland Cars, faced with a

virtual shutdown of the com-

pany today if toolmakers carry our their threat to strike over differentials, yesterday made a last-ditch appeal to the 6,000

toolmakers to call off their

Mr Terry Duff, executive member of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers,

added his appeal to the rool-makers to heed the instructions

decision.

travel organizer licence-holders

made available to it from public funds. A subsequent statement by Sir Kenneth Selby, chairman of the Agency said that by last November the Agency had been able to repay this sum. Since then levy contributions have built up the fund to

The report shows that nearly 100,000 holidaymakers were reimbursed during the eight months to March 31 lest year. Of these, the majority, 70,644, were clients of Clark-sons Holidays Ltd.

In order to reimburse custo-mers who had paid for, but not shows that it needed to draw taken, holidays provided by on less than £2m of the £15m failed package tour operators,

Mr Geoffrey Whelan, person-

nel director of Leyland Cars

yesterday appealed to the tool makers to think again.

The company wanted to bring wage levels in its plants into

line but this could not be done

if workers, like the toolmakers, put their jobs in jeopardy by

going on strike.
"We are absolutely deter-

mined not to extend the num-

ber of negotiations in Leyland Cars. We need fewer negotia-

The dispute had stopped pro-

duction of the Mini, Maxi, Prin-

cess, Jaguar and Rover 3500.
Marina productions at Cowley had been halted by a strike of 150 machinists, with 6,300 laid

tions, got more.

the fund paid out more than E3m during that period. Sir Kenneth reckons that over 90 per cent of the claims resulting from the failure of the Court Line holiday subsidiaries had been paid by last November. Since then there have been

other, smaller tour operator failures, notably of Intercon-tinental, which called for pay-ments from the fund. Even so, Sir Kenneth believes he is in a position to begin discussions firstly with the Civil Aviation Authority, and secondly with Mr Dell, Secre-

tary of State for Trade, to see if the levy contributions cannot

where customers of collapsed air travel organizers were able to make outward journeys but incurred extra expenses from hotels while on holiday or from sirlines in making return journeys as a result of the Technically such cases are not

like to extend the scope of com-pensation made from the fund.

Particular problems have arisen

covered by the present statutory provisions governing the fund These and other instances are cited by the agency as areas where clearer guidance is

Europe shipowners place fewer orders in Japan orders between the two major

By_Peter Hill European shipyards have secured more orders from EEC owners in the past three months community shipowners placed with Jepan. This is a sharp reversal of the overall trend which has led to growing pressure from national govern-ments on their shipping industries to support hard-pressed

European yards.

The new trend has emerged at a time when Jepan is about to raise the prices of the ships it builds for foreign owners in response to demands from the EEC that there should be a fairer sharing of available

Damages

sought over

property deal

A f6m takeover deal for a property company fell through when the property marker began to collapse at the end of 1973, the High Court heard

£6m failed

vessels totalling 416,465 tons deadweight with European yards, and only 14 ships totalling 152,840 tons were placed in In the previous three-month period EEC owners ordered only 193,650 tons from Euro-

shipbuilding blocks of the

show that in the period from

November last year to the end

of last month, Community owners placed orders for 60

Figures published yesterday

pean yards while 493,791 tons still possible. Sadly, in larger ordered from companies long chains of com-mand dilute this sense of

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Successor to postal chief named By Malcolm Brown

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday named Mr Denis Roberts to succeed Mr Alex Currall, the Post Office's managing director, posts. Mr Currall is retiring on July 31.

The sampurcement dispuses The announcement disposes

of one difficulty for Mr Varley, but the Minister is still faced with a major recruiting problem for the corporation's top jobs. The present chairman, Sir William Ryland, who has already had one extension of his term is due to retire at the end of the year, while Sir Edward Fennessy, deputy chairman and managing director, telecommunications, leaves this summer. Mr Kenneth Young has recently been reappointed as director of personnel and industrial relations, but Mr Variey has not yet found any-one to fill the Giro and finance seats on the board.

Two factors are causing dif-ficulties: the Carter inquiry into the running of the corporation, and the question of industrial democracy applied to state industry boards. Because of the enormous changes in Post Office struc-

earlier this week of the union's ture which may emerge from executive. the Carter inquiry and the un Already about 20,000 Leyland ceftainties about how workerworkers have been made idle by a number of disputes, akhough directors would affect the corporation, many potential recruits clearly regard the situation as too fluid and are unwilling to commit themselves. 1,300 striking paint shop workers at the body plan; at Castle Bromwich agreed yesterday to return to work on Mon-day. They have been on strike for 11 days over the sacking of day to return to work on Monday. They have been on strike
for 11 days over the sacking of
32 men who refused to take up
alternative work.

Leyland plans to begin a
phased recall of body plant
workers next week, although the
virtual shutdown of all plants is
threatened if the tool room men

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British oil rig personnel paid less than rivals By Roger Vielvove Workers on exploration rigs

and platforms in British offshore waters are worse off than their colleagues in Norwegian. Gefman, French, Dutch and Irish structures. A survey of offshore conditions conducted by Petroleum Times says British offshore workers lag behind in wages, and also job security, overtime rates and fringe benefits.

Petroleum Times adds that

Notwedian offshore workers are the best paid, with the French not far behind. West Germans, Belgians, the Dutch and Irish also figure above.

A comparison of monthly water rates shows that a roughnesk—a semi-skilled worker on drisling operations—is paid the equivalent of \$1.115 a month on

British companies named in re-

ports about allegations of price-

pois about anegations of price-rigging in Saudi Arabia, said yesterday it would be pleased to cooperate with the Riyadh Government inquiry already investigating foreign bids for Salidi contracts.

Balfour Beatty, together with the German company MAN, bid

for one part of an electrifica-

By Margaret Stone House prices in relation to

show that average house prices

were 2.72 times average income

in the last quarter of 1976 com-

pared with 3.4 times in 1973, the end of the great house

The figures, prepared in con-

junction with the Building Societies Association, are based

on a 5 per cent sample survey of mortgages completed in the

last quarter of 1976. This shows

that the average house price is

regional variations range from an average of £10.307 in the Yorkshire and Humberside area

to f 16,359 in Greater London.

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Balfour Beatty welcomes

Saudi price-fixing inquiry

Balfour Beatty, one of the there may have been collusion

worth several hundred million pounds.

Over the past few days there have been allegations from the and West Germany but also in and West Germany but also in

House prices in relation to

income are now at their lowest level for several years. Statistics released yesterday by the Department of the Environment show that average before a several years.

the average house price is quantities of oil and gas in the £13,114 although the Celtic Sea have suffered analygations range from another setback with the

The average advance was St David's head, has been cost, which represents unsuccessful.

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Saudi Arabian Government that Saudi Arabia."

EEC corporation tax plan implications worry MPs

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proposing a common structure for corporation tax, because it raises questions of legal and political importance.

A Commons select commit-tee has called for a review because a proposal for levying a withholding tax on dividends at a uniform rate of 25 per cent could have adverse con-Norwegian-controlled. struc-tures: \$939 in Germany, \$928 of payments. They reinforce in Ireland. \$809 in France, and only \$760 in the United Lords select committee.

In yesterday's statement Bal-four Beatty said that it had pre-pared a bid for the electrifica-tion of the Asir district in Saudi

Arabia in consort with MAN. The bid had been prepared

without reference to any other company which tendered for the

work.
"The price levels reflect the

risks involved on long-term, fixed-price contracts involving

an advance of 1.75 times in

A three year trend of a decreasing proportion of advances going to first-time buyers was halted last year,

Hopes of finding commercial

announcement from Texaco and British Gas that drilling of the joint well on block 103/2, off

Dry well setback in

Celtic Sea search

Members of Parliament are is a requirement on the Inland being asked to give further Revenue to levy a withholding consideration to the European tax as a measure to combat Community's draft directive tax evasion. It would not apply to divi-dends paid to identifiable investors residing in the mem-

ber state in which the dividend payment arises, or to dividends paid to parent companies within the Community. But it would apply where dividends are paid to overseas investors in a Community share issuing company. The Inland Revenue told the

select committee that the EEC directive could entail some constraint on national political and budgetary freedom.

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Revised figures published yesterday suggest that consumer spending rose rather more sharply during the fourth quarter of 1976 than earlier believed. The second estimate for the consumer expenditure figures, rublished yesterday by the Central Statistical Office,

per cent increase in spending on alcoholic drink and on fuel and light was mostly responsible for the increase.

CONSUMER SPENDING

second preliminary estimate of consumer expenditure seasonally adjusted at constant 1970 prices released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday:

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1974 Q1	2m 8,850	% 5.6
Q2	8.841	-1.7
Q3	8,963	5.6
Q4	9,057	4.3
1975 Q1	8,989	-3.0
Q2	11,851	6.3
Q3	8,776	-3.4
Q4	6,758	-0.8
1976 Q1 r	0,876	5.5
Q2 r	8,812	2. 9
Q3 r	8,928	5.4
Q4 p	6,990	2,8
r revised.	D Drovisi	onal.

Retail spending in final quarter

the Central Statistical Office, has been increased £35m to £8.990m at 1970 prices.

This suggests that spending throughout the fourth quarter was running just under three-quarters of a per cent higher than during the third quarter.

The following are figures for the

			of increase over previous quarter
		Σm	%
1974		8,850	 5.6
	Q2	8,841	-1.7
	Q3	8,963	5.6
	Q4	9.057	4.3
1975	Õ1	8.989	-3.0
	Q 2	11,851	6.3
	C3	8.776	-3.4
	Q4	8,758	-0.8
1976	01 r	0.876	5.5
	02 r	8.812	-2.9
	Q3 r	8,928	5.4
	Q4 p	6,990	2.8

Mr Justice Templeman was asked to order an inquiry into the damage suffered by Mr Paul Anthony Rackham, a Suffolk businessman, and J. H. Vayasseur & Company as a result of the failure of the proposed takeover of Roeday Properties, an East Anglian land and development an East Anglian land and devel-

yesterday.

opment company.

Mr Rackham and Vavasseur,
co-shareholders in Roeday, are ruing Consolidated Commercial Company (now Peek Foods), of Exchange Street East, Liver-pool, Mr Andrew Gordon, its managing director, and Edward Bates & Sons, merchant

benkers. They allege that Consolidated and Edward Bates broke an agreement of December 12, 1973, for the purchase of Roe-

day for £6m.

They also claim damages against Mr Gordon, alleging that he broke an oral agreement made on December 19,

1973, to vote his shares in Consolidated in favour of the takeover.
The defendants contend that

there was never any concluded agreement for the takeover. The case is expected to last at least 14 days.

Mr Jeremiah Harman, QC, for
Mr Rackbam and Vavasseurs,
said the Case arose from "the

high and palmy days" of late 1973, when there was still a property boom, and before the secondary banking crash, the miners' strike and the Labour Government Mr Harman said that Roeday

had a short but meteoric rise. Its profits were over £1m in 1972, and £500,000 for the first half of 1973. Consolidated became keen to

November, 1973, agreement was reached by which Consolidated was to buy 74 per cent of the Roeday shares, and Edward Bates 26 per cent. The agreement required the transaction to be approved by Consolidated's shareholders.

Mr Harman said that Bates became extremely anxious about its commitment. On December Mr Barber, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons proposals to tax property speculators. Two days later it was agreed that the purchase price for Roeday should be reduced by £750,000.

In return, Mr Gordon agreed to vote his shares in Consolidated in favour of a resolution approving the deal which was to be put to Consolidated shareholders. But at the meeting the resolution was not put The hearing continues.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

As money supply contracts...

money supply merely served to conhat we already knewthat the corollary for stabilization was that horities would be posed considerable problem in with the resulting movements, internal and

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would, of course, argue by have dealt with the in the wrong way and nave done far better to kets have their head in xchange and/or interest schange and/or interest But they have, with oncessions on interest ruck it out. They will hoping for a slightly anquil period on the front end looking to a government borrowing tent in the final months inancial year to rectify ent depression of the y aggregates—particu-ven that the fall in ly adjusted M3 of 1.6 t is in fact a full 2.3 nt on an unadjusted

of course, is going to a position of the banks teresting. Yesterday's to cut base rates was prompted by the fact ling has been fairly flat and that the latest figures (to Wedneshave shown the moving rapidly back he "corset". But the figures for the month ebruary are, of course, first in a series of

at make up the final ver else, however, the cuts will be more good the building societies. a third of their deposits mally in tranches of 0,000 and it is these whave been losing to y markets in a big way past few months. That past law months. Inst pasy not all return at cal authority rates for remain highly com-but it looks as if it or be long before the are back to a target f around £250m-£300m

hile, it remains to be the Bank will allow move down today. On of it, the formula obably call for a half t if the Bank chose back into force. But be that it will stand ile the ups and downs sy talks continue.

Irganisation

-onger ice sheet

- Organisation's annual lks of continuing the eslization of property which sounds odd in at of a £40m plus in-t borrowings in the punts. But Rank points he fall in sterling has onsible for an increase ings of 552m—reduced since the year end— e underlying direction d been downwards. w dramatic the switch

ish flow position has lear from the sources of funds statement iws that £70.2m out of £78.4m of resources rated from within the ocluding property and posals worth £35.2m) I wish only £26.3m out al of 592.9m the pre-

L then, net borrowings £302m against shereunds of £237m, which struck after £15.6m exchange losses under ican accounting stand-18, £10,3m baving been to the 1976 profit and

as the non-Rank Nerox picture is concerned, ints confirm how much

Sir John Davis, who retires Organisation at the annual meeting to become president:

from £16.1m to £32.6m depended upon recovery in the industrial and consumer products division from a mere £669.000 to £11.9m—chiefly thanks to a £6m cut in the losses of Rank Radio International.

All the other divisions were showing ahead as well, however, Leisure services and hotels were 44 per cent ahead (al-rhough at £6.7m still below 1972's figure; while property was up by 38 per cent and Butlins by 10 per cent. With the balance sheet evidently moving into a sounder phase that should provide a strong hase for the shares which et 177p yield 6.2 per cent and sell at less than 9 times earnings.

Accounts: 1975-76 (1974-75) Capitalization £305m Borrowings £302m (£259m) Pre-tax profit £75.6m (£50.7m) Earnings per share 20.2p

Linked life

A saving grace

The linked life assurance industry last year contributed more to the growth of unit trusts than did direct sales of units to the public. Out of total net sales of units of £167m last year no less than 52 per cent came from the sale of assurance contracts linked to units, whereas in 1975 business from this source was only 36 per cany.

There are several reasons for this sudden surge of unit-linked and successful marketing of single premium bonds where overall sales (including equity, managed, property and gilt bonds as well) doubled last

But the fundamental reason is that the unit trust industry is virtually certain to be eclipsed by its own offspring while life assurance contracts continue to enjoy their present tax privileges. Unit trusts themselves are a tax efficient investment vehicle and regular premium contracts and single premium bonds combine the tax advantages of unit trusts with the tax advantages built into

life assurance. So professional advisers are increasingly going to include linked life assurance in their repertoire: a move which is actively supported by the unit trust groups with linked life arms. Unit trust investment may be defined as a long-term operation but there is more evidence to suggest that, in fact, unitholders are very volatile investors. Policyholders, on the other hand, are not.

Linked life's share of gross sales has remained constant at around 25 per cent for the past but there are like three years. But it is the net further developments.

level which counts, and in this context there seems little doubt that if it were not for the stability provided by linked life sales, the unit trust industry would now be in a very parlous position with repurchases exceeding sales. Indeed, it may not be too far fetched to say that had the infetched to say that had the industry been publicly in a net
redemption position that it fundamentally has been for some
months vis-a-vis its direct unit
sales, that by now there would
have been a run on the industry
with all the implications for
confidence that this implies. So
everyone has reason to be grateful for the growth of linked life
assurance.

Coats Patons "Cheaper in the end"

The bolonce sheet can stand to was one of Coats Patons' justifications for going to its bankers rather than its share-holders yesterday; and undoubt-edly the balance sheet can, for all that the impact of currency depreciation has put up the nominal value of overseas borrowings, and working capital requirements have already been rising to reflect the effects of higher costs.

The group takes the view that under these circumstances borrowing provides the best means to expansion and is "cheaper in the end"—s view which, with the shares standing at 65 p last night for a p/e ratio of probably less than 6; on last year's earnings, is en-tirely justifiable.

It has emerged from the great textile recession with one of the best balance sheets in the business—thanks not merely to strong overseas content, which helped to smooth out the worst aberrations of the home market, but also to an early decision to concentrate on liquidity.

That decision, pursued to the point of cutting out the final dividend for 1974 in the face of massed institutional opposition, left borrowings at the end-1975 balance sheet date almost 40 per cent down on those of the preceding year, at rather less than a third of share-bolders' funds. So the fact that Coats Patons is now incurring new borrowings probably says more for the state of the textile sector than any amount of healthy profit figures from its less conservative competitors.

Standard Trust Still

growing narrower.

arguing Standard Trust and the British Rail Pension Funds are still talking about the bid which the latter may make for the former: but the scope for a

For although the Pension Funds' latest suggestions on terms—a price set at 96 per cent (as against 95 per cent originally) of a net asset value calculated after the deduction of prior charges at the bid price (as against par originally)
—go some way to meeting the
original objections of Standard's
board, the parties are still a long way from any meeting of the minds on the treatment of contingent liabilities (to capital gains tax and the dollar pre-

mum surrender).

The Funds argue that they should be stripped out in calculating net asset value: Standard's board takes the view that there is no reason why the company's shareholders should uffer because the Funds want to change the status quo.

And they claim that an esti-mated price of 137p on the Funds' formula is still 15 per mated price of 137p on the Funds' formula is still 15 per the national interest that the right industrial projects take place at the right sites, on time and on a commercially viable basis... A key factor will be the availability of ethans valuing them at only 129p, but there are likely to be further developments.

Taking the heat out of the sun

There is an awful lot of sol: energy about, a long-awaited Department of Energy reports confirms, but much of it will The government remain very difficult to tap.
Fossil fuels can be regarded
as stored solar energy, since
they are the accumulated prois to increase ducts of prehistoric photo-synthesis. The total fossil fuel reserves, which might be used by mankind for a few hundred years, are the energy equivaits spending on solar years, are the curic equivalent of no more than a few
days' sunshine over the earth.
The solar "input" to the
earth provides the driving
force for wind, waves and rain.
Indirectly, the sun is already
exploited extensively in agriculture and forestry, in the field
drying of crops and in the incidental heating of buildings.
The report, which is published today, slows that the
problem in any attempt to exploit solar energy, is thus not energy research to £6m over the next four years.

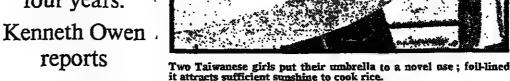
ploit solar energy, is thus not one of developing from scratch an unfamiliar, novel resource, but rather of intercepting and converting a very small frac-tion of the total radiation before it is dissipated. Only 0.01 per cent of the total would meet the world's present needs.

The United Kingdom receives a surprising amount of solar energy, the report points our. The annual input is about half that of Australia or India, or a third that of the Gulf States (the sunniest part of the world). Expressed another way, it is about 80 times the country's present total energy demand.
Against this, the radiant energy is intermittent and diffuse and so is difficult and ex-

In the United Kingdom the problems are particularly acute. There are wide variations be-There are wide variations between summer and winter;
frequent overcast conditions;
and a high population density
(which limits the area of land
which can be devoted to some
methods of solar collection).

Despite these problems, the
authors of the report estimate
solar energy could make a
significant contribution (about significant contribution (about

2 per ceut of present require-ments) within 25 years. This would be "with a minimal dis-



turbance to existing life-styles and institutions ". At the cost of greater disturbance and with vigorous exploitation—and subject to more detailed study—the contribution might conceivably be increased tenfold in the longer

Three main routes to the exploitation of solar energy are examined in the report—its to electricity by photovoltaic action and its conversion to fuel by photosynthesis of "energy

As reported in previous articles in The Times, solar heat collectors are commercially applied and can contribute usefully to the supply of domestic hot water. Pilot schemes are operating to test and demonstrate the value of solar heating, but standards for defining or measuring the per-formance of solar water heaters nave not yet been established. Widespread use of solar water

heaters could result in savings of up to 21 per cent of present primary energy needs, the re-port says. But the market penetration rate is likely to be slow until such heaters are cost-effective, which (in general) they are not at present.

As for space heating, the re-port says that in spite of the unfavourable climate partial if not full solar heating of buildings is technically feasible and could become economic in the future.

"The potential savings of primary energy in this area which could result from a combination of measures to reduce heat loss, the use of solar heat collection and better heat management are substantial since agement are substantial, since domestic space heating alone consumes 17 per cent of present primary energy requirements. the report says. On photovoltaic energy con-

version, the report confirms at present the silicon cell is the most promising device

for converting solar energy into electricity. But, for the economic production of power on a large scale the present manufacturing costs of panels of solar cells are up to 1,000 times too

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high.
"Whether deployed in ceutralized arrays or at the point of use, the cost target for total systems in the United Kingdom lies in the range 70p to £2.50 per square metre at 1975

Even if collector costs are eventually reduced, such devices cannot be considered seriously as a prime source of electricity in the United King-dom for five main reasons, the

report says. First, output is at a maximum during the summer months, when demand is lowest. Secondly, even in summer, conditions in the United Kingdom are such that the outpur will change very rapidly, because of aloud changers. cloud shadowing. Thirdly, elaborate

systems, probably backed by storage and an alternative supply, would therefore be necessary to compensate for the short-term unreliability of the solar input. This would increase the cost of the overall system.

the cost of the overall system.

Fourthly, since the supplyfrom photovoltaic devices is notfirm, they must be regarded as
a way of saving fuel and alternative firm sources would be required. To be acceptable, amortized capital charges must therefore be less than the fuel costs
in the alternative, which sets
even more stringent cost
targets.

Effective a lorge assembly

Fifthly, a large assembly would need a substantial area of land; collectors providing au electrical output of 1,000 mega-watts would cover au area of au

least 100 square kilometres. The most likely application of photovoltaic devices, once they have been developed to make them competitive in cost, the report says, will be in the supply of fairly small amounts

of electricity on a local scale. Finally, the report considers the complex photosynthetic pro-cesses of plants, algae and certain bacteria which use solar energy to convert atmospheric' energy to convert atmospheric, carbon dioxide and water into organic matter or "biomass". Solar energy is thus stored in the biomass for possible future

Food (for human or animal consumption) is one evident, use of this stored energy, but there are other ways in which the energy may be used more directly. These range from the traditional burning of wood to a variety of chemical or biological methods for extracting oils, gases or alcohols from the

The whole "energy crop" concept should be analyzed in more detail, the report concludes.

*Solar energy: its potential contribution within the United Kingdom. Department of Energy, Energy Paper No 16. RMSO, £3.

The author is Technology Correspondent of The Times.

Industrial strategy 5: chemicals

North Sea as the catalyst for heavy investment

Mr David Steel, the British Mr David Steel, the Briosn Petroleum chairman, surprised many people in the chemical industry (including a number of people within the group's own chemical subsidiary) with his revelations at the group was last month that the group was to spend £2,700m in the United Kingdom over the next five years, with nearly half being spent on chemicals.

But the oil chief's announce-But the oil chief's amounce-ment was music to the ears of Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, and cohorts of civil servants at the Depart-ment of Industry who have been vigorously pushing for the chemical industry to make a major and tangible contribu-tion to the development of the tion to the development of the Government's industrial stra-

Essentially the Government, and Mr Varley and Mr Wedg-wood Bean, his counterpart at the Energy Department, see the chemical industry not only spearheading increased levels of investment, but by taking advantage of feedstock from the North Sea, making a major contribution to the nation's contribution to the nation's balance of payments through increased exports. Back in November last year

Mr Varley underlined the importance attached by White-hall to the industry's contri-bution when he told MPs: "This is a great opportunity for our industry and the Government intends to Government intends to encourage this increased investment and the related downstream developments to provide greater added value in exports

He continued: "It will be in

could lead to further perrochemical expansion. At the heart of the Government's policy towards the in-dustry in relation to the industrial strategy is the construc-tion of four new large ethylene crackers in the United King-dom by 1985—in addition to the one being built by ICI jointly with BP on Teessida which is due to start commissioning at the end of this year or early next year.

Peter Hill

The Government's thinking for petrochemical industry de-velopment is based on the avail-ability. of secure feedstocks from North See oil and gas; a number of attractive coastal sites for petrochemical development and membership of the EEC, which would not only provide an outlet for the production from the projected crackers and their downstream production facilities, but would also (hopefully) attract overseas companies to invest in the United Kingdom.

In its report last year, the Chemical Industry "Little Neddy" (in a report which preceded the flurry of subsequent sector working party reports on various aspects of reports on various aspects of manufacturing industry) suggested that production of off-shore crude oil could provide adequate gas and gas liquids to support between two million and three million tons a year of ethylene capacity. On the basis of high growth estimates at that time (on which chemical industry planners expressed industry planners expressed some reservations) European ethylene demand in 1985 was projected at about 28 million

Linked to the Government's aspirations for high levels of spending on the four cracker plan is the possibility of conplan is the possibility of con-dustry neiling their flags to structing a huge gas gathering the mast of the four cracker

pipeline system drawing supplies from a number of North Sea fields at a cost, estimated a year ago, at about £2,500m. Decisions on this grandiose scheme favoured by the British National Oil Corporation and British Gas are still some way

mical industry's basic building blocks. It is used in about onethird of the petrochemicals in-dustry's products and in the United Kingdom and Europe is produced meinly from liquid petroleum feedstock in the form of naphtha or gas oil.

But ethane is widely used as a feedstock for ethylene in the

United States and with ample supplies from the North Sea the Government is anxious to promote ethane-based crackers, although this route has the disadvantage in that it does not produce propylene as a co-pro-duct which is another impor-tant building block for down-

stream processing.

There has been considerable scepicism within the industry on the Government's four cracker philosophy not least on the grounds of costs for a massive gas gathering complex and the potential in export markets for ethane based ethylene. Since the Government accepted the high growth projections, European demand forecasts for eth-ylene in 1985 have been revised downwards to not more than 20 million tons a year.

Within the industry there is now a feeling that if the Govnow a reeing that if the Government's aspirations are to be
met, a case for certainly two
solditional crackers can be
made, possibly with scope for
a further two at a later stage
but much will depend on the
willingness of overseas chemical producers selecting the
United Kingdom as a base for
their development. their development.

Senior executives within the industry warn of the dangers of the Government and the inother developments) particu-larly since vast slabs of ethy-lene capacity tend not to be the most profitable elements of investment and are susceptible to over capacity problems.

Another element in the longer term equation must be the ambitious development plans for perrochemical projects among members of the Organi-zation of Petroleum Exporting Countries from which a considerable volume of exports can be expected.

Dow Chemicals, the American concern, has been carefully looking at building an ethane-based cracker in the United Kingdom for many months while Esso Chemical, too, is progressing with plans. BY has indicated that its investment plans provide for a increased capacity in thermo-

basis) but whether there are two, three or four more crackers, industry planners, stress that the decision for the fourth need not be taken until about 1981, although trade; union leaders and some Whitehall officials are pressing for a sealer commitment.

nail officials are pressing for an earlier commitment.

Meanwhile, within the Nedo framework, a petro-chemicals' working party which brings together existing sector work-ing parties is being established. and there is a strong feeling that there is considerable scope for developing the United Kingdom as a location for the production of speciality organic chemicals. At the same time the plastics industry; through its Little Neddy, is

Profit up Investment up Jobs up

cracker project too (almost plastics production.

Greenall Whitley Mr. Christopher Hatton reports:

- * Pre-tax profit £8,656,000 (£5,983,000) up 42%. But this only averages 2% over inflation over the past 4 years.
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Business Diary: IHA's Kennington • East, west, pounds are best

r Kennington, 45 yearof corporate finance childs, as its new chairwid MacDonald, of Hill has completed his twoure as chairman of the apart from that beimportant secondment or-general of the Takeel on April L

HA, once simply the association for those in what was (once) new issue business pted in recent years adened its role so as ne a forum for corinanciers. As such, its s committee includes nous names from the and merger advice

from MacDonald and ton, there are people by Brooks of Kleinwort David Ewart of Guin-thon, John Gillum of Montagu, Tom Manners ds, Graham Walsh of Grenfell, and Geoffrey igton is described by a s "terribly able" there is a hidden prob-r will find it". And there are likely to be he next couple of years, in formulating the evithich the IHA intends

les to plan today the submitting to the Wilson com-louses Association will mittee.

Signatories

Alexander Maslov is back in London at the moment with some thoughts for exporters with eyes on the Russian market and for the Export Credits Guarantee Department.

Maslov was in London for four years up to 1975 as the director of Moscow Narodny Bank responsible for foreign exchange. Since May he's been chief foreign manuser of Voseign Park for torgbank, the Soviet Bank for Foreign Trade.

He's here at the moment for He's bere at the mother that two signings, one with Constructors John Brown and the other with Williams and Glyn's Bank, in connexion with the same project, a £50m polyethylene plant to be built at Kazan by the former and largely financed by the latter. anced by the latter. Maslov told Business Diarvesterday he wasn't at all keen on the plans of Denis Healey

and the ECGD for persuading the likes of Williams and Glyn's to finance in currencies other than sterling, particularly United States dollars and Deutsche marks. He saw the scheme raising additional difficulties" British exporters to the USSR quite apart from considera-

tions such as price or tech-



In for a penny, in for a pound: Williams and Glyn's Tony Killick, CJB's managing director Jack Melbourne and Vneshrorgbank's Alexander Maslov in London yesterday.

The Kazan deal, like most UK-USSR cooperations, is financed in sterling in the wake of the Wilson-Brezhnev trade deal completed two years ago almost to the day. Under this about £1,000m was earmarked for financing sterling deals with the Russians over five years, although with three to go less than a fifth has been used.

ECGD at the Chancellor's bidding would like to see even UK-USSR deals carried out in foreign currencies as interest rates are lower and the burden on the British taxpayer of the resultant credits is less. Customer countries with inflation rates lower than our own

like to borrow sterling and pay back in ever cheaper pay ba Tony Killick, deputy director of Williams and Glyn's inter-national banking division, said he understood the reason be-bind the pressure from ECGD, but felt there ought to be flexibility where a deal might otherwise be endangered.

Sweet sorrow quit as group managing director of the loss making Stan Mowatt is, we hear, to the loss-making Barker &

Dobson confectionery

Mowatt who turned to com-pany doctoring after he cut loos: 1.om consultancy with Cooper Bros, is to return to consultancy through his own firm, Spreebrook. He says that he is parting

amicably with B & D chairman Ronnie Aitken after staying twice as long as the year be originally planned to spend with the group. Mowatt, who is 38, joined at

a time when it was clear that B & D was heading for big losses and was due to lose both its then chairman and chief executive. The new boy became group MD in January last year.

It seems unlikely that Mowatt will be replaced. He is confident that B & D can function well under Aitken, who is non-executive, and the directors who head the now much slimmer divisions.

which reduced losses in the half-car to October 2 from £1.6m to £609,000. He told Business Diary that he enjoyed his time with the group even though the going was "pretty tough". Neverthe-less, his future doctoring plans

These include Neville Cohen (retail) and Bill Kenyon (confectionery). The retail division's Oakeshotts grocery chain has been pruned by about two-thirds to 40, releasing badly-needed Mowatt sees a "fairly firm basis for the future" of B & D.

do not have room for being chief executive of anything

other than one of his own

ing pressure for the abolition of the Upper Chamber there are

still trade associations for whom

Deed of title At a time when there is grow

there is nothing quite like a John Bellamy, director of the Federation of Wholesale and Industrial Distributors, has stepped down from the presi dency—hitherto an internal affair—in favour of a noble out

He is Lord Harmar-Nicholls, former Tory MP for Peterborough and junior minister and a director of the family firm of paint wholesalers.

The federation was set up in 1950 with the blessing of the then Chancellor, Sir Stafford Cripps, to present to him and his, successors the views of wholesalers. Since then, however, it rather looks as if government.

ever, it rather looks as if government has stopped listening. The 22 trade associations in the federation are annoyed, for instance, that manufacturers are granted capital allowances by the taxman for new wareho but wholesalers are not.

Barclaycard sent a note with a replacement credit card which "Thank you for telling us that you have lost a Barclay-card. The old Barclaycard should be destroyed by crating. Do not attempt to use it."

National Westminster Bank

Rate changes

National Westminster Bank announces that for balances in its books as from and including Friday, 18th February, 1977 its Base Rate for lending is reduced from 12½% to 11½% per annum and its Deposit Rate on all amounts lodged, subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal, is 8% per annum Savings Accounts will now attract interest at 8% per annum All other rates remain unchanged

Midland Bank Base Rate

Midland Bank Limited announces that with effect from February 18th 1977, its Base Rate will be 11½%, and that its Deposit Rate on amounts lodged at its branches subject to 7 days notice of withdrawal will be 8% on balances



Midland Bank



Coutts & Co. announce that, for balances in their books on and after the 18th February, 1977, and until further notice their Base Rate for lending is 11½% per annum. The Deposit Rate on all monies subject to seven days' notice of withdrawal is 8% per annum.

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Barclays Bank

Base Rate.

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Base Rate will be decreased from 12½% to

11½% per annum.

The basic interest rate for deposits

will be decreased by 1% from 9%

to 8% per annum.

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Stock markets

Bear closing behind a thin rise

Base rate cuts from the clear-ing banks kept share prices relatively firm in a thin and largely rechnical day's trading.
With the "bears" anxious to
close down their positions, the
FT Index quickly moved ahead and by midday it stood 5.3 higher. The banks' move brought a near three-point gain over the next hour, but thereafter prices drifted and by the close the index was 5.2 up at 200.4

Gilts were also in a restrained mood and by the close most stocks were at, or just below their overnight levels. At one stage, short dates looked as if they might go easier, but the base rates news brought a touch of firmness and by the close

News of a further delay in the Shipbuilding Nationalization
Bill gave a special boost to
London & Overseas Freighters
and the shares rose 4p to 52p. Its shipbuilding company, Austin & Pickersgill, builds the SD14, which many consider to be Britain's best-ever cargo ship design and for which orders stretch well into the 1980s.

most prices were little changed.
"Longs" opened easier and
then went back to all-square. Late in the day, reports, of pos-sible trouble in the bread industry brought a pre-cautionary mark-down of one-

eighth Equity dealers said that after three days, most shares were looking very tired. It was, they said, another case of over-reaction, this time to the 15point slump at the start of the

The prospect of a further delay in the Nationalization Bill delay in the Nationalization Bill brought a generally firm response from shipbuilding issues. The best gains came from Vosper, up 12p to 89p, Yarrow 9p to 175p, Hawker Siddeley, interested through the aircraft section of the Bill, 8p to 506p, Vickers 5p to 160p and Swan Hunter 31p to 54p.

But two which did not join in the general advance were

Robb Caledon, which lost 2p to 32p, and Hawthorn Leslie, which was unmoved at 30p.
In the financial sector, the clearing banks gained ground on the base rate cuts, the exception being Midland which

held steady at 268p. Of the others National Westminster put on 3p to 228p, Lloyds 4p to 212p ahead of todays figures, and Barclays 5p to 260p. Some of the overseas banking issues were in good form, notably NSW Bank, firmer by 14p to 392p, Australia National Bank 5p to 210p, ANZ Group 4p to 270p and Standard Chartered 7p to 312p.

Lower interest rates gave a boost to the property pitch where Hammerson "A" firmed 7p to 373p, Great Portland 4p to 218p and Haslemere 3p to 182p. But Bernard Sunley fell back 3p to 126p after its interim statement, partly on disappointment on the lack of

Hambros gained 3p to close at

to gain strength from interest rate considerations with housebuilders Barratt Developments, up 5p to 72p, particularly prominent. Favourable talk on next week's figures helped Marriwiel to close 6p ahead

On the electrical pitch, Ultra to the good at 651p after news shot up from 75p. to over 100p of a bank loan while Carrington

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ing drinks did more for MK

mists expected.

Months ago this maker of beer dispensing and cooling plant besides commercial refrigerators and air conditioning

frigerators and air conditioning seemed poised to holst pre-tax profits from £1.36m to at least £1.8m in the year to October 30. In fact the tally was a cool £2m. At helf-time profits had risen from £436,000 to £750,000. Sales rose by nearly 28 per cent to £12.46m but profits grew faster by nearly 43 per cent.

All this reflected more than

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last year's summer. MK has finished a cost cutting pro-

gramme. One aspect was the

closing of a Gaskell & Cham-bers factory and raising output at the other.

Demand is at a new record.

and a new expansion pro-gramme is under way. More-over, it is thought that MK already has enough work on

already has enough work on hand for this year to equal last year's record profit.

The scope, then, to do much better is huge. A final dividend of 1.35p net takes the total from 2.51p net to 2.72p, or 4.19p gross. The board would have paid out a lot more but for dividend curbs.

Latest dividends

0.10 3.13 3.13 3.27 3.35 3.35 1.51

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Last summer's heat and cool-ing drinks did more for MK reports that order books at the

start of 1977 were "satisfac

tory" and there are grounds

for reasoned optimism. New-bold makes ladies' footwear.

Sunley recovers

ley Investment Trust yesterday not because group is doing badly,

because there was no sign of

Eagle Star renewing its 1973 bid or making a new one (there was a Monopolies Commission reference at the time), or

indeed comment on Mr David

Jessel succeeding Mr Bill Shapland as deputy chairman.

The trading news, however, is good. The corner has at last

is good. The corner has at last been turned after two years in the red. In the half-year to September 30 the group made pre-tax profits of £585,000 against losses of £1.26m for the first half of the year before, and a loss of £489,000 for the whole of that year.

Sir Brian Mountain, chairman, says that the half-year to March 31 next should show pre-tax profits "not less" than the

tax profits "not less" than the first half's. Rents receivable in the current year will prob-ably reach £5.4m, against £4.8m,

Net property income went up from £1.52m to £1.68m. Trading profits (before interest) were £978,000, compared with losses last time of £156,000.

A small fall in turnover from £1.66m to £1.59m in the half-

year to September 30 did not stop the pre-tax profits of Gar-ford-Lilley Industries from rising from £116,000 to £135,000.

Moreover, the board hopes that the full year's profits will con-

the full year's profits will continue the progress of recent years. But the gross interim dividend is 0.27p again, Garford-Lilley is in engineering, plastic extrusion and moulding besides woodworking. Pre-tax profits in 1975-76 were a record £278,000.

Racal-ADD extension

Agreement to extend their rival offers for Milgo Electro-

nic Corporation have been made by Racal Electronics of Britain

and the American group Applied Digital Data Systems.

The offers are extended to next Tuesday to allow for further

talks on the eventual owner

ship and control of Milgo and other outstanding matters.

2.54p gross again.

Fatter margins at

Garford-Lilley

the interim payment is

but no bid

MK dispenses a cool

£2m: more on way

last lap of its Milgo takeover battle, 7p up to 285p, Decca better by 13p to 250p, Reyrolle Parsons 8p to 140p, Rank 7p to 177p in front of the report and Thorn "A" 6p to 238p. Mentioned here, MK Refrigera-tion were 4p higher at 74p after

Stock commanding speculative interest included Mams, up 6p to 66p, LRC 3p to 67p, and Braithwaite Engineering where the jump was no less than 30p to 270p. News of a New Zealand stake helped Corn Exchange to rise 8p to 134p, Owen Owen went ahead another 2p to 84p in spite of the bid denial reported here and Stanneylands held steady at 28 p after news of a counter offer from Greenall Whitley, worth 30p.

In shippings, Furness Withy were just a penny harder at 233p after news that Euro-Canadian was to cut its stake, while Stag Line was a centre of speculative interest and jumped 15p to 160p. Manchester Ship put on 20p to 238p after its earlier strong statement.
Textiles had Coats Patons 11p

on speculative interest which Viyella continued to reflect its was later vindicated by news results with another 2p gain to of an approach. The shares, 29p. But Cornell slipped 2p to though easier, still closed 11p 11p after a profits setback. In firm foods, Associated

to the good at 86p.

In firm foods, Associated Other electricals to gain Dairies were a strong market ground were Racal now on the again, rising 12p to 246p, while

Laurence Scott, the electrical machinery and control gear group, has been noticeably firm of late, closing at 59p, the 1976-77 peak. It is known that, for the year to March 31, profits will easily beat the annualized £1.4m profit made in 15 months, but it is also thought by some that one buyer is steadily accumulating his way to a stake of around 10 per cent.

motors Rolls-Royce added 21p to 64p, on its rise in export orders and Smiths Industries met with investment demand to

add 9p to 136p.
After its report, Allied
Breweries firmed a point to 63p, while in papers De La Rue gained another op to 328p, and
W. H. Smith "A" ended 4p
better at 358p. The best of
stores were Allied Retailers, up
of to 80p, Suits 5p to 70p,
United Drapery 4p to 62p and,
after Wednesday's meeting,
Burton "A" which rose 4p to

63p. Brokers stole the limelight in insurances with 6p gains from newcomer Willis-Faber at 233p, Matthews Wrightson at 202p and Sedgwick Forbes at 248p. Hambro Life jumped 7p to 202p, while Sun Alliance added 3a to 400p and General Accident 3p to 400p and General Accident

3p to 400p and General Accident ended 2p ahead at 172p.

The best of the leaders were Fisons up 5p to 300p, Glaxo 5p to 442p and ICI 4p to 338p. Equity turnover on February 16 was 569.55m. (14.789 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BAT Dfd. ICI, BP, Tate & were BAI Did. ICI, BF, Tate & Lyle, RTZ, Vickers, Barclays, Shell, Burmah, Thorn "A", Scottish & Universal, Imperial Group, De La Rue, Beecham, Allied Breweries, Rolls-Royce, Marchwiel, Ultra Electronic, British Land, LRC International, Serck and Carrington Viyella.

Whittingham thinks: housing slump over

William Whittingham, the long-suffering Wolverhampton house-builder, has, dragged itself back into the black at

The group whose land-buying spree in the last housing boom nearly brought disaster has turned a £32,000 first half loss into a pre-tax profit of £492,000 in the year to October 31.

Turnover went up 20 per cent at £13.3m, but much more important was the absence of transfers to reserve—£1.4m last ear—to compensate for reductions in land values.

Last year's loss was £915,000 and the previous year's deficit amounted to £70,500.

Celebrating the recovery with a return to the dividend lists the gross payment is 0.65p—the group is confident that the housebuilding recession is over. Meanwhile it has cut debt from around £8m to nearer £6.5m. Further land write-downs in one subsidiary resulted in an £978,000.

but the group's own ment and construction chipped in a £1.4m Investment income ar to £413,000. The slimme

photographic interests £71,000 against £157,0 Whittingham expects things on all fronts current year; and the which added 4p to arou.

another couple of pence H. Vavasseur, whic: its 20 per cent holding group down to 124p a s value when Whittinghinto heavy going has showed no signs of sell After tax of £252,000 the previous year's

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credit, and the absence further below-the-line p after the previous debit, attributable amounted to £294,000. I attributable loss amou

Only share swings give clue to Ultra suitor

Ultra Electronics Holdings Ultra Electronics Holdings said last night that it had received a possible bid approach after its shares had performed erratically on the Stock Exchange all day.

They opened at 75p and at one stage reached 105p before falling to close at 84p. Over the last year the shares had traded between a high of 77p and a low of 37p.

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The Ultra amountement said the company "has received an approach which may lead to an offer being made for the whole of the issued share capital of

the company":
However, a spokesman said
that no verbal or written com-munication had been made but the company had made its announcement on the basis of the erratic movement of the share price. Ultra has no idea of who

is behind the trading After losses in the

tax profits rose to £903.3 £554,903, and in the fi. of the current year profits were £524,064 Ultra has a small issue capital of four million

accounting for more per cent of the equity struction of anti-submarine detector: supplied to the 1.

Briefly

ECGD-USSR LOAN Guarantes E40.5m loan which Williams & Glyn's Bank acranged with Bank for Foreign Trade of USSR. Loan will help to finance contract to Constructors John Brown for high-density polyenthylene plant at Kazan. Finance for loan was made available by W. & G. and National Westminster.

Gross 1976 revenue of River Plate and General Investment Trust up from 5899,000 to 5821,000. Net revenue (after tax) rose from 5391,000 to 5425,000. Gross payment moves from 6.84p to 7.7a.

WITAN INVESTMENT
Earnings (after tax) of Witan
Investment rose from E920,000 to 31. Earnings a share up from 1.08p to 1.45p.

BRITISH-BORNEO BRITISH-BORNEG Consolidated Gold Fields' offer for British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate accepted for 366,412 shares, which with the 1.14m shares already beld, represents 33.56 per cent of BBP3.

TEMPLE BAR INV TEMPLE BAR INV
Gross revenue for 1976 up from 1647,000 to £728,000. Earnings (after tax) rose from £353,000 to £404,000. Second interim dividend of 1.54p and will recommend final of 5.77p, gross, against 5.69p, making 10.39p (7.69p).

Gross revenue of River and Mercantile Trust for 1976 up from £1.6m to £1.79m. Gross payment goes up from 9.61p to 10.78p.

BT INVESTMENTS Pre-tax revenue for 1976 up from £132,000 to £157,000. Gross payment rises from 4.61p to 5.77p.

GEIMSHAWE HOLDINGS
Sales for six months to October
31, £1.84m, against previous year's
£4.26m. Net profit, £7,000, against
a loss of £17,000 after interest of
£89,000 (£123,000). Board reports
that a comparison is "rather
meaningless" thanks to various
closures.

Turnover for half-year to October 31 up from £729,000 to £764,000. Pre-tax profits up from £53,000 to £69,000.

more Corn Ex. The Corn Exchange has been told by Mr R. A. Brierley,

Brierley wants

chairman of Brierley Investments, a company incorporated in New Zealand, that he has started talks to buy 341,200 (12.3 per cent) Corn Exchange shares. This is the stake now held by Brandts Second Nomi-

nees.
If this deal goes through,
Brierley and its associated companies would hold just under 20 per cent of the Corn Ex-

change equity.

Mr Brierley "has not indicated at this stage whether or not he plans a bid for the company" but the shares rose 6p to 134p on the news. A further announcement "I he further announcement he made if the board receives

Newbold & Burton up to the occasion

and Burton Holdings expected good 1976 results. And they got them. Pre-tax profits were a record. They soared from £207,000 to £303,000 on sales

The directors of Newbold

up from £5.4m to £6.51m.
Raising, the gross payment

Business appointments

Chairman of Eastern Gas

Mr Ralph Stend is to be the new chairman of Eastern Gas from April 1. He success. In John Gadd, who becomes chairman of North Thames Gas.

Mr R. W. Fordham will become chairman and managing director of the rod division of Delta Metal on April 1. This follows the recent appointment of the present chairman, Mr T. R. M. Uigsey, as joint managing director of the Delta Metal group. Mr Ian Vatson is to be chairman of Delta's rod companies at West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Greenwich, Wolverhampton, Greenwich, Adderley Street and Ipswich. He will remain divisional technical director but give up his chairmanship of Delta Metal Castings, Mr Trevor Allen will become chairman of Delta Metal Castings in addition to being chairman of Delta Tubes. Mr Raiph Stead is to be the

Mr T. S. Davies has been made deputy chairman of Rael-Brook. Mr Roger Parsons joins, Grindlay Brandis on March 15 as a director responsible for the shipping finance department. Mr David Finlay-Maxwell has been made chairman of the Economic Development Committee for the Wool Textile Industry in succession to Mr Tom Fraser.

Mr A. V. Coulson is to become treasurer of the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society when Mr C. J. Humphreys retires on March 27. Sir William Matther (chairman) and Mr H. C. Smith (managing director) of Mather & Platt have been elected to the board of Wormald International. Mr Michael Jones has been made a director of Cooper Gay (Holdings).

Greenall goes on New Causton block seen with 30p bid for Stanneylands

Undaunted by Associated Leisures's refusal to cooperate, brewer Greenall Whitley, the Vladivar vodka group, is going ahead with an offer of 30p cash for Stanueylands, the Manchester-based hotels and restaurants group. Last week, when it first proposed to make an offer, Greenall said that it depended on Associated with 25 per cent of Stanneylands, The shares in Bernard Sun-icy Investment Trust fell withdrawing from the scene or accepting Greenall's offer. Associated decided instead to

proceed with its own agreed 25p cash bid. Meanwhile, late last night a spokesman for Associated claims that another irrevocable cceptance of its offer, from a former Stanneylands director holding almost 4 per cent gives his group just over 54 per cent of Stanneylands equity.

as just an investment A 26 per cent stake in loss-making printing group, Sir Joseph Causton & Sons, has been sold to Mr Christopher Bland, former managing direction." He added.

tor of Beyer Pescock.
Causton's shares added 4p to 8p yesterday on news of the sale by Smith St Aubyn, the discount broker, whose stake in Causton has been reduced to Causton has been reduced to 30 per cent as a result of the The value of the deal has not

been specified but Causton, responsible for printing the Stock Exchange daily official list, has a market capitalization of just under £700,000. Mr Bland, who left Beyer after it was taken over by

Saudi Arabian interests last vear, is deputy chairman of the Independent Broadcasting

Authority. He said yesterday that he

position". He added: ""." it is an interesting com Causton, whose stood at over fam ber, made losses of in 1976 and has predfurther "small loss" current year. The Str change Council is reviewpresentation of its da. which represents a maj ning contract for the Conchmans subsidiary. Smith St Aubyn came original 57 per cent s Causton when it went rescue of secondary bank

castle Securities, in 17 spokesman for Smith's snight there were no im: plans for the remaining

By Desmond Quigley

Eurocanadian Shipholdings is to reduce its holding in Furness Withy, the British shipping group, to not more than 10 per cent in the next three years. Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices

and Consumer Protection, an-nounced this yesterday. Eurocanadian has undertaken neither to increase its holdings in Furness Withy and FW's subsidiary Manchester Liners, nor to exercise more than 10 per cent of the voring rights in FW. Last year Eurocanadian's holding in FW was just over

ner cent.
Mr Hattersley's acceptance

of Eurocanadian's undertaking is a compromise with one of the recommendations of a report by the Monopolies Com-mission, published last October, that the stake should be reduced within two years.

Acting on the recommenda-tions of the Commission Mr Hattersley ruled that a merger between the Bermuda-based Eurocanadian and FW would be against the public interest. Yesterday. Mr Geoffrey Murrant, deputy chairman of FW, said: "It is another year of uncertainty."

Mr Murtant said the group bad not been told how Euro-canadian intended to reduce its

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Allied Breweries make handsome start

Having turned in pre-tax profits up from £60.2m to £63m for the year to September 5, Allied Breweries now reports a good start to 1976-77. Mr Keith Showering, chairman, told the annual meeting that the group is budgeting for a "worth-while" increase for the full

BAT Industries' philosophy and Bullock report

While shareholders of BAT Industries will be given an indication of prospects for the coming year at the annual meeting in March, Mr Peter Macadam, the new chairman, has introduced a statement of the group's business philosophy into the group accounts. In its submission to the

Bullock Committee, the board saw the main need to be participation in day-to-day issues affecting employees own work. Legislation should be supportive and not prescriptive, and representations should not be limited to trade union members Also, companies with big overinterests should cluded from legislation requireing compulsory United Kingdom employee representation on the board.

Lon Shop sells shares in Beaumont Props

On Feb 16, London Shop Property Trust sold 1.4m ordinary shares (7.93 per cent) in Beaumont Properties, worth 65p, up 1p. London Shop is keeping the other 1m ordinary dom and overseas, had a record Christmas. The beer division has also got off to a best-ever Further cheer comes Teachers. from whisky group Teachers, bought last year, with results ahead of forecasts.

beer side contrasts faw with the "unfortunate" ming to the same period 76. The current year's a will take in a full The group is committing but substantial capital expension but programme of £164m.

Williams & Glyn's

announces that the following rates will apply: from and including Friday 18th February

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Straits tin price an all-time high

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an all-time high

In line with London Metal Exchange prices and on support from the United States and Japan, the Straits tin price yesterday went to an all-time high of \$M1,551, a rise of \$M11 on Wednesday and \$M126 above the International Tin Agreement celling price, Market sources said that in anticipation of a shortage of the metal for some time, prices could rise even higher.

However, the London market was restrained yesterday on talk of renewed efforts in the United States to get an early release of metal from the General Service Administration's stockpile of 200,000 tons, because of prevailing high prices.

At the official morning close, standard cash had risen £7.50 on Wednesday's close to £6,087.50 per tonne and three months was a modest £2.50 up to £6,222.50. At the afternoon close prices had fallen back to £6,080 for cash and £6,218.50 for three months.

In copper, fresh outside demand remained quiet and gains mainly reflected strength in lead and tinc. Cash wire bars put on £2 and three mouths went £2.25 ahead.

The bullish trend continued in lead and cush put on £16.75 while three months. Dealers reported fresh buying based on a behef that the metal had been neglected recently and that it was undervalued in relation to lead.

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Foreign Exchange

Sterling had an uneventful day and finished at \$1.7055, down 0.15 cents on the day. Its effective devaluation was 43.4 per cent, up 0.1 per cent.

There was no undue pressure either way and the pound reacted downward only momentarily to the British clearing banks' base rate cut to 11½ from 12½ per cent from tomorrow, while the drop in British money supply in the January banking month had no impact.

Early firmness of sterling in New York was reflected in an upward move here to 1.7063 bur some dealers thought the Bank of England may have sold at this level.

The French franc finished at 4.9780/9800 against the dollar from 4.9705/20 overnight. Weakness reflected uncertainty about France's political future in the context of next month's municipal elections. A large commercial selling order from Switzerland in forwards proved unsettling at one stage.

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Gold rose \$0.50 to close at \$136.625.

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Discount market

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In the event, money proved dighter than it had earlier seemed it might be. At the outset, there had been a view that there could conceivably be a slight surplus on the day. This prompted rates into a swift decline to around 113 per cent from initial 112-3 per cent from of tightening inp, and razes regained their opening levels. At the finish, with money still well bid, books were mainly balanced within a band of 11 per cent to 113 per cent.

A feature of the day was the continuing decline as the cheaper money trend was pointed up by cuts in bank base rates. Notwithstanding the "fixed" MLR of 12 per cent that has now been with us for two weeks, Treasury bills were still trading the rate down, with "hots" changing hands just below 11 per cent on a quote of 11 1/32-10 15/16 per cent. If this trend were repeated at a tender where MLR were not suspended, the result would be 113 per cent MLR.

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Wall Street

New York, Feb 21.—Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed broadly lower, ending a three day gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 4.57 points to 943.73. Declining issues exceeded advancing issues by about 930 to 470.

Volume totalled 19,040,000 shares, down from 23,430,000 shares yesterday.

Hospital administration stocks

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Hospital administration stocks were sharply lower with Hospital Corporation of America down 15 to 245, National Medical Enterprises 133 off 12, Hospital Affiliates 144 down 2, American Medicorp 85 off 5 and American Medical International 121 down 13. Cocoa dips 4 cent limit

Now York, Feb 17.—COCOA futures declined the daily maximum four-cent innit while the unrestricted spot March pittinged 9.10 cents to finish at 10-5.90 cents. An estimated 440 sell orders, mostly far May. July and September, were left outstanding. March, 163-Mc; May, 167-50c; July, 192-20c; Sept. 138, 15c; Dec, 136, 50c; Sept. 188, 15c; Dec, 136, 50c; Rahle 184, 60c; Sept. 188, 184, 60c; Sept. 188, 184, 60c; Sept. 188, 60c; Sept. 186, 60c; Sep 250.58c bld; Dec. 247.64c; March. 245.97c bld.

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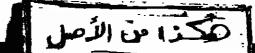
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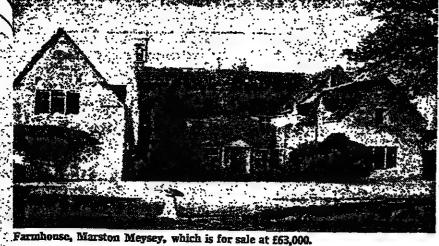
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14 Oriental article indeed is in heavenly style (10).

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16 To call Doyle's Muserage

about a point (10).

13 King Alfred pales, retreating from this fire (4), 5 Claiming a right, one runs finto trouble owing to this (3-4).

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17 Sort of dividend one gets in, in school-time (7).

19 Indict beer in a manner of speaking? (7).

21 Lets off minor expenses, including many a pint (7).

23 Baby's bed made up with hard sort of wood (5).

24 Calculationalist to the note.

looking card (4).

26 Archer's aim is proverbially 23 Ordered invalid to take note (4). 24 Adam's queer sort of dis-

guise (10).

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23 What you will name as the country stone (7).
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2 Sale of transium in a lawsuit (7).
3 Halcyon days for Jeremy given top job (10).
5 Gap filling oath (9).

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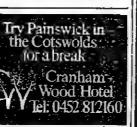
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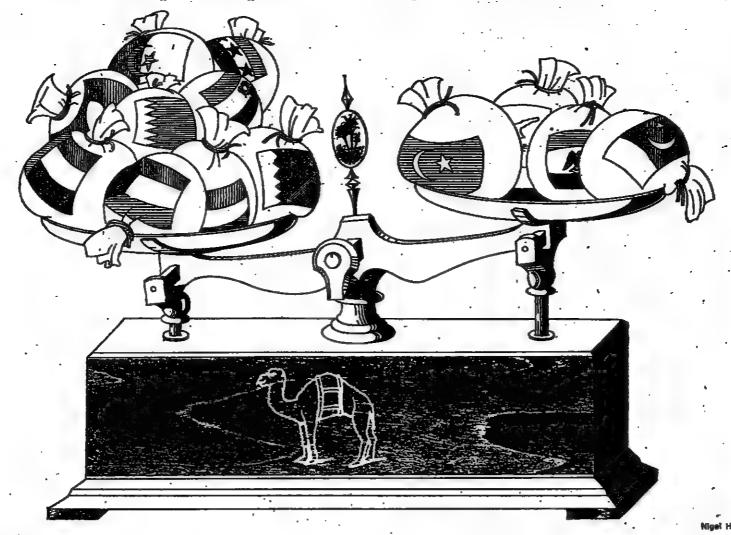
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Both the European Community and the much wider-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development have tried to set tal Opec current up schemes to help members a Special Report on the money that flows from oil



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as did the even larger Euro-currency markets, which re-ceived \$22,700m. But during the course of the year there were increasing difficulties the course of the year there were increasing difficulties in the Euromarkets. The well-publicized feilure of a German private bank, Herstatt, drew attention to the fact that even banks could go broke. go broke.

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Because of this, the role which official sources play in the financing of the countries' deficits has declined dramatically in recent years. In 1971-73 official sources provided two thirds of the financing requirements of developing countries; now the proportion is little more than a half.

In 1974, total Opec investment in the United States accounted for \$12,000m of the total surplus of \$55,000m. Little of this want into shares or other long-term investment. The Opec

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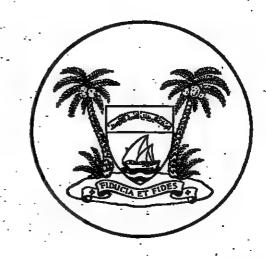
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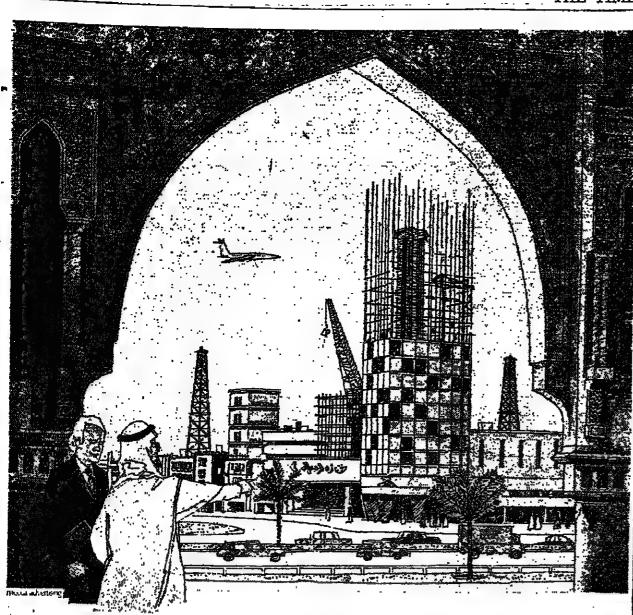
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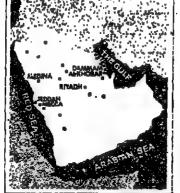


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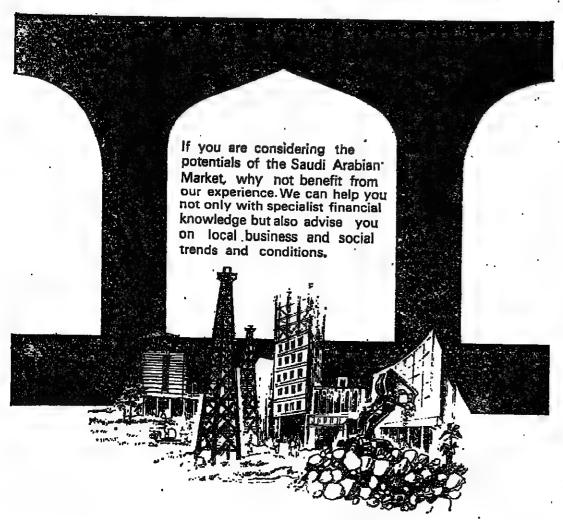
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Increased imports erode surplus cash

by David Blake

about \$30,000m a year.

years since the oil price rise, Investment Company. Govmore than \$150,000m. Cop- to underwrite Eurobond ing with the distribution of issues, which are then bought ssets on this scale is a difficulty that any country would like to have, but it is a difficulty none the less.

The largest of them by ment stocks of some kind or ar is Saudi Arabia, which on to deposit in other banks. by the end of this year is Apart from Britain, the In contrast aid disperse-likely to have half of all other great market for ments from the oil superior

ment policies of those three countries. Although the institutional framework within which they operate is rather largely at the expense of different, there have been Britain, where there was striking similarities in their striking similarities in their actually a substantial net dis-investment patterns and in investment in 1976 after a the change in the nature of standstill in 1975.

The immediate need in 1974 was to find some kind 1974 was to find some kind of home for the increased funds which became availsble to the surplus coun-tries. Both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia were well Saudi Arabia were well placed to do this, since they had established financial arrangements to deal with the admittedly much smaller surpluses which they had recorded in the past.

At that time, much of the money earned by oil exporting countries in the Middle East was paid in sterling and thus automatically tended to be banked in London.

London had another attraction, as a place in which to arrange an orderly run do business. During the down of the sterling bal-1960s it had emerged as the ances by selling foreign cur-unchallenged centre of the rency bonds if possible, or huge international capital market known as the Euro-industr markets, which began by is not dealing in dollars but which That

toric choices behind this depution of the funds which ment of the time. What the open countries needed was somewhere to place funds which which would be absolutely and the past two years a prospect of the past two years and years Opec countries needed was somewhere to place funds which would be absolutely safe and liquid.

Reluctance to invest in equities

The British market pro-vided something with both those characteristics in the form of British government debt, both short and long term. Since the Government at that time was running a that some of the heavy sursubstantial deficit there was plus countries are investing on a big scale in property see the Opec countries invest heavily in the British capital ment problems. Apart from markets. Indeed the Care markets. Indeed, the Gov. Libya and Iran, who are ernment at that time encour-seeking technical assistance aged it actively as a way of as much as a profitable inpostponing action to cut down Britain's current account deficit.

During 1974, \$7,200m was placed in Britain by the Opec countries, of which half went into government stock, \$1,700m was placed on depo-sit in London banks, \$1,200m was made available as loans to Britain and only \$700m went into shares or property.

That unwillingness to invest heavily in the equity market reflected a number of important characteristics. The two most likely nev in the artitudes of the really trends in the future involve marically leads to great as intermediaries. involvement in questions one idea which is attractabout their running. Since the Opec countries lack the numbers of skilled managers invited to accept some sort to straight loans which could be more easily watched.

The second reason was, to IMF. The GAB, which prosome extent at least, sensivided funds for Britain's tivity about the attitudes in IMF loan, is looking short countries where investment of cash and there is was made. One or two large suggestion that Saudi Arabia property purchases in Lon might contribute.
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always been aware of the have already established potential for resentment very good foreign aid records, but there is a grow-riches in a few hands, seem ing feeling that there will to have been particularly have to be more action of cautious about this. They the kind which involved tend to limit their stake in Spain borrowing large sums companies to below the 10 direct from Kuwait recently.

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The mechanism for Ku-By the end of this year, the waiti investment in London Opec countries are likely to has long been the Kuwait Inhave foreign assets with a vestment Office, which chan-net value of more than nels funds essentially into \$150,000m. That figure is Britain. But in recent years \$150,000m. That figure is there has also been a growing roughly half the total indus-role for three institutions in trial assets of Britain, and it the Euroboad market, the is increasing at a rate of Kuwait Investment Company, the Kuwait Foreign Trading In the three and a half and the Kuwait International

the Opec countries have re-erament policy has been to corded a financial surplus of encourage these institutions up by the Kuwait Finance Ministry.

This policy gives a seem-After the first year of ous Kuwaiti institutions man huge surplus in 1974, in the system adopted by Saudi creased imports have eaten Arabia, which has always the financial positional channelled most of its money tions of most Opec members. through the London branches We are left with just the of two American banks, Morfour producers on the gan Guaranty Trust and Arabian Peninsula in The Chase Manhattan. From Gulf as large surplus these two institutions it is

Opec assets, with Kuwait readily negotiable commerbeing the other main surplus cial paper is New York, and country. Qatar and the even during 1974 the Ameri-United Arab Emirates, can market took an even during they have huge bigger share than did the earnings per capita, are British. But as time has gone smaller. A combination of necessities and a desire for security 22 per cent of all Opec indominated the investvestment: in 1975 it was 32

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per cent, and in the first half of 1976 it was 44 per cent. This increase occurred very

Britain curbs of sterling

The reasons behind the Opec countries' decision are easy to understand, since the value of sterling which they were holding fell dramaric-ally during 1976 as the pound collapsed. Although there is no strong evidence to support the view that the run-down of sterling balances was the main cause of the pound's decline, the Government has now decided to try rency bonds if possible, or just by borrowing from other industrial central banks if it

term investments, substitut-ing long and medium-term bonds for Treasury bills and bank deposits.

In part this is simed at getting a better rate of interest. But it also reflects the fact that many banks became decidedly uneasy about having huge quantities of money on deposit in a form where it could easily be withdrawn, while the banks themselves had lent it for a significant period of time.

There have also been signs vestment, there have not however, been many ventures into industrial equities. Purchases of Krupp and Fiar shares have been the highly publicized exceptions to the Opec Investment pattern.

> Raising the status of Opec money

The two most likely new big surplus nations within attempts to bring the Open Opec. The first was a realiza- countries more into the tion, which is commoner out- official flow of funds side Britain than within it, through the world monetary that sensible investment in system rather than relying system rather than relying industrial corporations auto- on commercial banks to act

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there was a clear backlash ought to lend directly to against the sale of stakes in industrial and developing nations which are in balance of payment difficulties. The Kuwaitis, who have really big surplus countries

Oil exporters emerge as important source of aid

One of the most remarkable developments in the past few years in foreign aid has been the emergence of alternative sources of finance outside the industrial countries. The Middle East oil-exporting states are the main suppliers of this new finance and collectively they represent more important aid donors than any single source within the western industrial world, apart from the United States.

recent recession, assistance from the West to less-developed countries has been accorded an even lower priority than before, as the industrial countries have struggled In the system adopted by Saudi Arabia, which has always to put their own economies in order. As a consequence, aid dispersements are now below 0.5 per cent of gross national product in the case of most western nations, in-cluding Britain. That is less than half the target set by the committee under the late Lester Pearson which provided the most comprehensive report on this whole question more than seven

> states account for up to 5 per proportion compared with the western figure.

It would be naive, how ever, to believe that the apparent generosity of the Middle East oil producers springs from primarily altruistic motives, or any genuine idealistic commitment to improving economic conditions in the Third World generally.

Solidarity between the peoples of the Arab oilexporting countries and their noor Arab neighbours, for instance, is minimal, and there are sharp conflicts of economic interest despite all the talk of closer coopera-tion, and even regional

The large aid flows must instead be explained in political terms, as the history of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Integration, longest established the aid agency in the Middle East,

That political objective was achieved at fairly modest cost through the fund, with Kuwait becoming a full member of the Arab League,

such as purchase of military Turkey for road improve-

its debts provide illustration of this.

No similar strains exist be- Social Developme tween Kuwait and Egypt, even though the Kuwait fund has channelled more finance been in drawing into Egypt than any other programme for single country. Loan repay- development in § mems have gone smoothly, country has mo which is a tribute to the care tural potential the Kuwait fund officials other single come took over project selection. Arab world, and in what is probably the most easily meet a later difficult country in the en- tion of the res tire Middle East to imple import requirems

ment successful schemes. The Arab conflict with Israel is another factor ex-In the aftermath of the plaining the growth in Arab aid flows. It generates two types of aid. First, there is assistance to the so-called front line states in the conflict, such as Egypt, Syria and Jordan.

An example of this was the \$1,000m pledged in 1975 by the governments of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar for the establishment of an Egyptian armaments industry, although little has been heard of this since. Second, the conflict with Israel affects the pattern of development assistance with respect to non-Arab countries in the Third World.

No doubt subtle influences are at work

During the past two years there has been a growing amount of aid from the Arab nations of sub-Saharan Africa in particular, and although the Arabs do not apply direct pressure on these states' voting intentions in the United Nations or elsewhere, there is no doubt that more subtle influences are at work.

Last year more than £150m, representing 47 per cent of the total lending of the Kuwait fund, went to non-Arab states.

In addition to this lateral lending through the Kuwait and the bank will fund, there are also multi-national Arab institutions jects in order to specializing in lending out profits. specializing in lending out-side the Middle East. These shows. The fund was set include the Arab Bank for the bank confinuo in 1961 to win friends for Economic Development in the Kuwait in the Arab world, and in particular to counter aprical of £140m, the Arab than the Fund for Africa, with an authorized arrangements in frightly valuable oil deposits. That political objective more specialized Arab Fund Dhabi or Arab for Technical Assistance in

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But those who are looking at Beirut in terms of whether in the Middle East are probably unlike First Chicago, do not the Middle East who previously leaned



Barricades in the hotel district of Beirut during the recently ended civil war.

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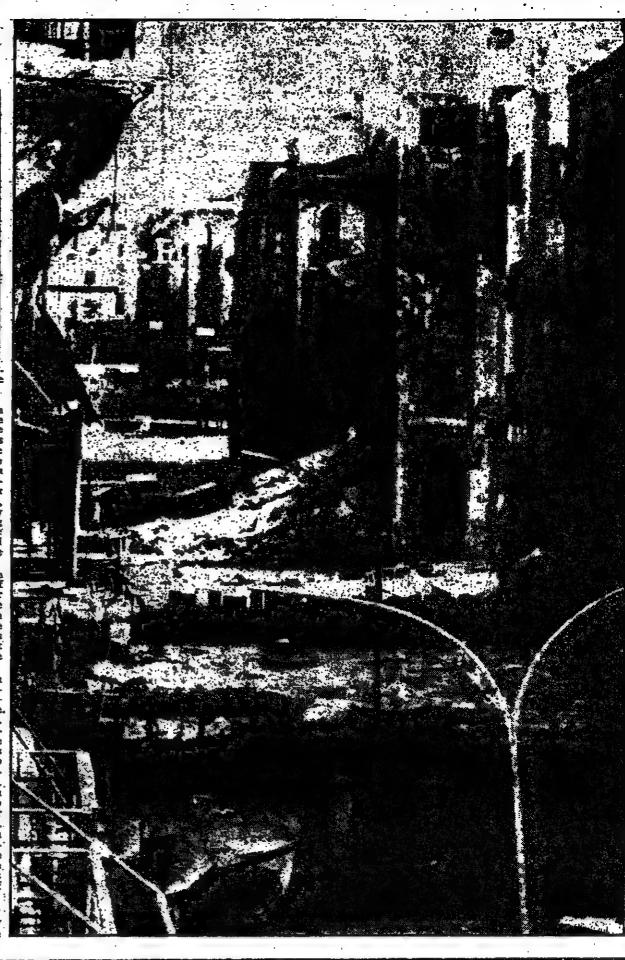
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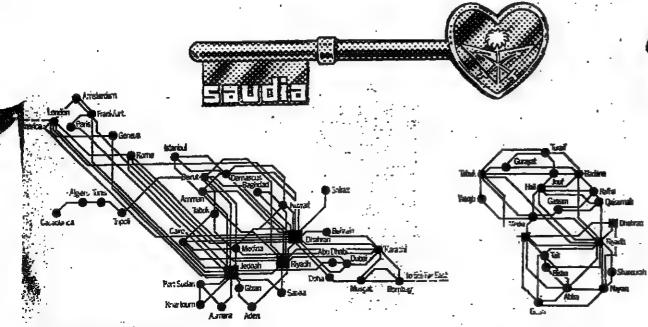
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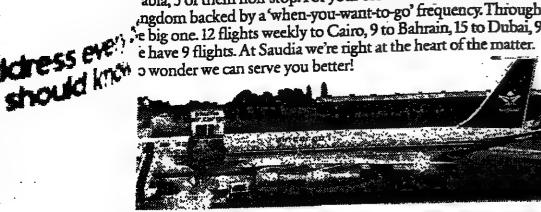
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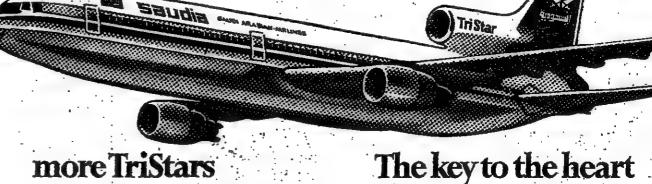
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City skills find role in ambitious financial plans

by Ronald Pullen

to establish its position as the leading international financial centre. Paris, Wall Street, Singapore and the other world centres have all reached their particular stations in rather less time, though none can offer the same breadth and depth of in relation to renail banki financial services that Lon-

Now we see the countries of the Middle East—faced pluses but the need to build emerging ambitions up their own financial become a force in the area.
structure to service ambitious industrialization plans East is not altogether the

quietly developing their Middle East business for the past 15 years. With close links forged in the old days of empire and the sterling have tended to turn first of all to London for advice and

It was an Englishmen, for instance, who believed to set up the Behrain Monetary Authority whose move into offshore banking has been arguably the most exciting financial development in the Middle Fast recently. Again Middle East recently. Again t was an ex-London Stock Exchange official to whom Kuwait turned six months ago when it decided it the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority investment side.

More recently insurance companies have greatly expanded their operations in the area, money brokers such as R. P. Martin and in relation to retail banking, have tended to circumscribe

not simply with a wish to last year that Barclays had play some part themselves been put on the Arab blackin recycling their oil surlist will have stunted its

endeavouring to propel here it often appears to outthemselves into the front siders. The existence of a
rank in just a few years. If large pool of money, which
they are to have any chance helped in particular to exof success, they will have to plain the rise of Zürich, for lean heavily on importing instance, as a financial foreign financial skills. The centre, may be a necessary City of London has not been condition for success but it City of London has not been condition for success but it slow to recognize this even is hardly a sufficient condition it has not blown its own tion and in many respects trumpet quite as loudly as the Middle East lacks some the construction industry, for of the critical requisites of

> Communications in part cular are poor except in Bah-rain, availability of skilled manpower in the shape of lawyers and accountants is limited, and the Middle East working week runs only from Sunday to Thursday (or Wednesday afternoon when dealing with New York). Then, again, London groups considering setting up in the Middle East have to decide

> > Priorities tend to be different

culties for would be pro-viders of financial services. Muslim law, for instance, frowns upon charging interago when it declosed it musium aw, for instance, wanted to expand its tiny frowns upon charging interbourse. Until two years ago est, there are those countries Abu Dhabi's portfolio invest-which already operate state ments were managed by insurance monopolies while Williams and Glyn's, while in most states, Kuwait parti-Barings still help to advise cularly, local partners with 51 per cent controlling inter-ests are the preferred route mporting foreign finan-

> homogeneous area when it comes to the sort of financial services required, their priorities broadly speaking tend to be rather different from other financial centres. At this stage in their cing that meschant banks for example specialize in. With Arabs still inherantly conservative in their investment patterns, funding of loan portrokos long term is still in its infancy though there has been a pronounced shift in the past year or so away from London and New York short-term deposits towards the Eurocurrency markets. cing that merchant banks for the Eurocurrency markets.

Commercial bunk lending, too, is little developed and where it is, is usually in the hands of locally-registered banks. Foreign exchange dealing, however, is fairly near the top of their require-ments because of the need to finance an ever-growing wish to develop, among other things, a forward market in as many Gulf currencies as

To date it has been left To date it has been left to the insurance groups really to stamp their identity on the region chiefly through partnership with local groups. Last year, for example, the Prudential Assurance took a 25 per cent stake in Union Insurance of Dubai which was established in 1974 by local interests in association with British reinsurance brokers Maynard Reeve and Wallace.

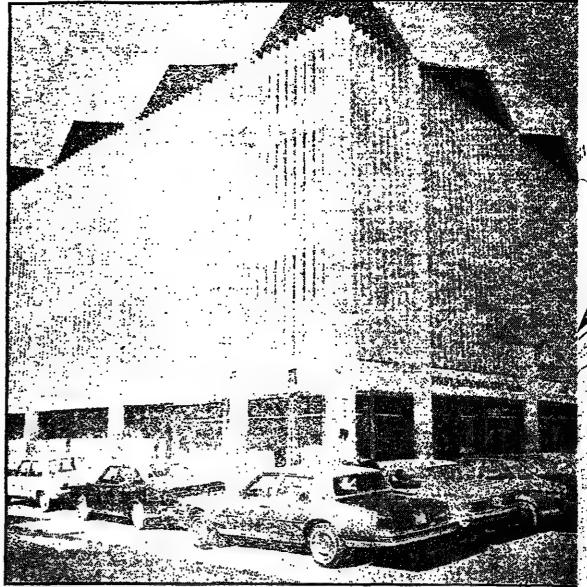
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The high level of British construction projects in the Middle East has probably given the insurance industry the main stimulus to develop Along with the pormal run of insurance risks equip-ment insurance, public lia-bility and employers' liability —the London insurance market's unrivalled experiepce in risk assessmen the very different conditions even when business has been written locally much of it has flowed back to London.

Construction companies i particular have been espec insurance cover as possible to protect themselves agains the penal clauses in Middle East contracts against lat completion, while chronic port congestion all along The Gulf has boosted import insurance business.

Marine insurance, too, has grown after the Opec countries decision to operate their own tanker fleet and cial skills.

Equally important, though other areas of the shipping the Middle East is far from market.

> Laws limit size of loans

tions, the Middle East has so far tended to discourage the sort of operations the large international banking groups go in for. In Saudi Arabia. oil revenues are substantial enough to preclude opportu-nities for medium-term pro-ject finance and when it is needed the Government, in the shape of the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, is on hand to provide it at a per cent interest.

Further, Saudi banking laws inhibit the size of lowns that can be made while the fear of the Saudi authorities of seeing the rial play a role in the international economy has slowed down the deve-lopment of an active foreign exchange market

In contrast Kuwait has a fairly well-developed banking system, although local laws allow only Kuwait-owned concerns to operate as commercial banks. Yet even if much of the banking involved in financing trade. Kuwaiti names have recently started to appear leading and comanaging Eurodollar issues; and the number of expatriate advisers, many British, at all levels of the banking system from the Central Bank down is testament to the opportunities available.

It has, however, been left to Babrain to add another dimension to Middle East banking with the establish-ment of its offshore banking units whose tax advantages have attracted more than 30 takers, including three British clearing banks—Midland, National Westminster and Lloyds.

The growing strength of Bahrain as an international money market is further emphasized by the decision of three money brokers to establish a base of opera-tions there—R. P. Martin, Marshalls and Sarabex. There is little doubt that

in time the Middle East would like to attract more of the bulk chemical and oil markets located in Europe to reinforce its strategy of moving downstream from oil, in that London's com-modity dealing skill would be especially welcome.

Opportunities for financial

services in the Middle East, therefore, are plentiful, especially for British groups which not only have the reputation of the City of London to fall back on but have a head start from old-estab-lished connexions. By the same token it is clear that they will need to move at the pace and in the direction the Middle East wants them



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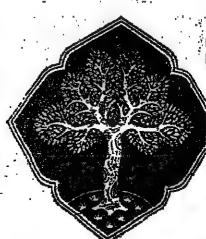


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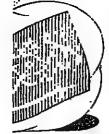
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Such ridiculous prices are produced mainly because ton much money is chasing too few goods and services, but ensive Opec prothe market is the the domestic ecolorist landlords, have clearly committed. The Government became to step in last year to limit retail margins and hotel orices, and to tie

down rent increases.

A most hopeful piece of legislation, banning the housing of big foreign construction teams from within a limited that the second secon city limits, is to come into force on March 21. Under it, workforces of more than camps outside towns. Many foreign companies have wisely done this already.

Because of the rich re-

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The banking extent in the ago there were 12 commercial banks operating in Saudi Arabia, of which only two, the National Commercial Bank and the Riyad

ket.

The banking system in Bank, were 100 per cent saudi Arabia and the /tringent capitalization laws governing the largely undercupitalized banks are doing in the to channel funds into long term investment. Most of the funds are on custrent or short-term deposit account, cramping the banks' style for long-term lending.

In July, 1975, the first of the foreign banks, the foreign banks, the banking law. Because of National Bank of Pakistan, their existence outside became 60 per cant Saudi owned, changing its name to othe Bank al-Jazira, but with the NBP retaining a 40 per cent share and the overall actions through SAMA and

Import financing accounts management contract. Last to most banking activity December the Algemene while the lucrative guaranteeing of bonds for multipartition dollar government eight-year management concontracts is usually beyond tract when a government the local banks' scope and is decree changed its name to taken outside the country to Europe, Japan or the United States.

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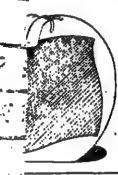
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per cent in the United States and 100 per cent in West Germany. So while the characterized by the conser

Largest share of revenue earmarked for heavy industry



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whether Europeans in technical and managerial posts, or Iranians, Indians and Pakistanis in less skilled The small barren peninsula cannot naturally feed a population of even this size and many foods and

of Qatar, the offshore pro-ducer, was announced last

problem faced by other continue to operate the leum associated gases from individuals employed solely in farming has trebled since Oper states.

Quatar's population is less fee of 15 cents a barrel. Final long-term contract Japan of the population. Vegetable than a quarter of a million, agreement between the Govburg agreement and Shell Company Most are expatriates, ernment and Shell Company 400,000 tonnes a year of propane and 250,000 tonnes a vices and public utilities, of a dispute between the oil exports of about half year of butane, but because a million barrels a day has of a dispute between the oil generated an income of company and the Governroughly. \$2,000m or slightly ment in 1975, oil output and less in the past two years, thus gas flow fell by half of which half has been ear. thus gas flow fell by half thus gas flow fell by half rather more than 12,600m

most other consumer requirements are imported at soaring prices.

Oil has been exported since 1949, and the half million barrels a day ceiling on offtake is a preservation of solution bring in the renow pegged at a tion measure. The Government and Qatar Petroleum, arrels a day and the onshore producer, have offshore fields. Financed leum Corporation and Charten bonnages de France which the first special point in the state-bonnages de France which the first special point in the state-bonnages de France which the first special point in the state-bonnages de France which the first special point in the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the state-bonnages de France which the first special point is going about the special point in the special point is going about the special point in the special point in the special point is going about the special point in the special point in the special point is going about the special point in the special p connages de France which imbraces both the Umm Said polydethylene plant and a twin complex in France finance. Both are to open early next year.

Shell Gas International and QGPC came together in 1974 to form the Oatar Gas Com-pany with 30 per cent and 70 per cent shareholdings res-pectively to open a second NGL plant using petroleum NGL plant using petroleum associated gases from the off-shore fields and subsequent-ly handling plant on the north coast of the peninsula to harness the same fields' reserves of non-associated gas. Because of the takeover dispute, however, it is not immediately clear what the fate of these projects will be. The Government is reported to have asked Shell to give

construction by Japanese concerns at Umm Said Plans for an aluminium smelter and large export refinery have been deferred because of the lack of trained man-

There are no rivers or re-ources of surface water of any kind on the peninsula. Qatar has never recorded an average annual rainfall of more than 80mm, in comparison with 300mm in an average year in the Sahara Desert. Whereas fishing has always been an important ing rates, at pre-local industry and consider cent. In the 4at able quantities of shrimps 1976 the Oatari have been exported to Japan and the United States from the well-equipped national fishing company, agriculture ham in the travellers' recionly a tiny proportion of the any of the three currencies population before the 1960s. can be used in any of the With a more complicated states up to man life style, benter dietary \$125 at a time.

the two operating companies reached agreement on the between which it is divided state's takeover of the realmost equally have been wholly state-owned since the end of last year.

Huge resources of natural Française des Pétroles and gas, underpin the industrial strategy, but Qatar's strategy ests, under the terms of faces the same manpower witch Qatar Petroleum will continue to operate the form the form the form of faces the same manpower witch Qatar Petroleum will double its capacity.

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> rials in 1976 or \$3,000m, which if the population is 200,000 works out at roughly \$1,500 a head.

Like its neighbours varar disburses aid to foreign governments but on an ad hoc basis rather than through an established fund, except in the case of Egypt where Quar is committed to a number of inter-Arab schemes.

Ploughing oil revenue into heavy industry and petro-chemicals, producing export-able products, can succeed and in the case of the existing factories is succeeding as long as neither the supply of raw materials which fuels those industries nor the supply of foreign workers to

alleviate the situation and is taken very seriously but for the moment the presence of large numbers of foreigners in the peninsula is not causing resentment or political upsets.

Until independence in 1971 to have asked Shell to give the banking community conup its 30 per cent of Qatar sisted only of the Arab Bank
Gas. The Qatar General Petroleum Corporation was also
created in 1974 to run the Government's stake in a Grindlays and Chartered.
Their main activity was and abroad on commercial lines independently of the Ministry of Finance and Petroleum. It has found since then that its main task is to train Qataris for oil industry and Pakisran Trade financing import trade financing import trade. cerns traditionally represen then that its main task is to United States, France, kan train Qataris for oil industry and Pakistan. Trade financiand other technical posts, ing continues side by side Outside oil and gas, the main with lending to property and industrial venture of the day land development. Most is the 400,000 tonnes a year credit is still advanced in iron and steel plant under the form of simple overdrafts. up individuals.

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Shah feels pinch from loss of exports

Organization, did not en-exports by trying to put barrels a day direct.

by Nicholas Cumming-Bruce

members have suffered a spraisal of the expenditure to cover the projects on substantial loss of oil exports since oil prices rose on January 1. None is feeling the financial effects as acutely as Iran. By the end of January 11, to allow compleary, the National Iranian Oil Company was reporting All foreign aid programmes losses from lower exports of 56m daily and the Shah was raising the spectre of a \$7,000m deficit over the year if demand for Iranian crude did not revive. It almost certainly will, but by how much, and when? The difficulty of selling Iranian crude will be prolonged long after consumer stocks have ceased to depress demand if two-tier prices are maintained and Saudi Arabia in the properties approaches its production. The balance of payments are recent of foreign exchange restreed to the the Shah's 1975.

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by Patrick Cockburn

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36,000 million barrels but

the United States State De-

partment astimates reserves at a possible 80,000 million

barrels—almost triple the proved American reserves. There are also large areas

of potentially cultivable land

which can be made produc-tive by irrigation schemes. Given these resources the

11,500,000 Iraqis live in an under-populated country.

For all this Irac remains the least known of Middle Eastern states. It has an air

of mystery for its Arab neighbours as well as for the West. Its history since 1958,

and complex, but today it looks increasingly stable. Un-like Syria and Egypt this does not mean that the amai-

gam of socialism and Arab nationalism advocated by the Arab Baath Socialist Party, in power since 1968, has

An attitude of unrelenting

maintained. And if the country is diplomatically isolated from other Arab states—an isolation which

are completed, this contribu-tion will fall to 15 per cent.

Economic life is dominated

panies they control. The pri-vate sector's role is limited and supervised, though in

IRAQ

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Land of mystery and

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seem to have been more successful than Iran in reducing

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On January 3, however

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advanced to Iraq by Japan is going to help to finance a

liquefied petroleum gas plant at Rumaila, a petro-chemical plant at Basra, and

include sponge iron plants and steelworks, also at Zubair, being built by Creusot-Loire and the

an export refinery Zubair.

revenue.

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states—an isolation which have taken a big share in was increased by Syria's suc these projects along with

was increased by Syria's suctess in Lebanon—its political position has improved.

The Kurdish rebellion, which for so long absorbed Baghdad's military and political energies, was effectably ended when Iran important contractors this is closed its borders to the Kurds after the Algiers agreement in March, 1975.

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economy is firmly controlled to \$267m. In addition the by the state and is likely to Iraqis are unsympathetic to remain so. In 1974 the printer problems of other vate sector contributed 31 people's inflation.

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1980, as important projects matically, it looks to the are completed, this contribu. West and Japan for tech-

by 15 important state organ. liberalization along the lines

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tion, it has done well out of Of the six other banks the rapid increase in operating two are princi-

the rapid increase in demand.

The five-year plan has been long delayed—it was meant to be published in vate industry though this is April 1976—but its general form is becoming apparent. In the first seven mouths An estimated \$49,000m will be spent. This year's investment programme, which is part of the nlan, showed an increase of 58 per cent over last year. As in Iran, the ment is also eager to in-

The 10 banks in Iraq were nationalized in 1964. The Central Bank of Iraq con-

vocational training and raising the low level of productivity. This year's investment programme shows an Digest increase of 84 per cent in allocations for education

visage output falling below share of its trade on an oil about five million barrels a barter basis. Unfortunately, day, and NIOC officials were talking complacently of greeted less than enthusiastiselling more than a million cally by Iran's major trading arrels a day direct. partners and offers little pro-It came as something of a spect of relief in the short

Iran's predicament high-(Iran's main outlet) during lights how far the Govern-the first nine days of Janument still has to go in iron-ary fell 35 per cent over the ing out the confusion which same period of December to arose when infrastructural 3,558,600 barrels a day and weaknesses combined with direct sales by 51 per cent shortages of skills, materials to 651,000 barrels. Consor and stagnazing oil revenues tium production for the to undermine the big devel-whole of January averaged opment push launched in 4.600,000 barrels, 24 per 1974. Oil income during 1976

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Iraq has recently doubled its

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been uneven. Massive re-sources are still being mobilindustry, which from investment 235,000m rials ized for benefited totalling (\$3,300m) during 1975-76 and growth is correspondingly high. It is likely to average out at some 19 per cent a year for the fifth plan.

But while labour costs are soaring, efficiency is low, and Iranian industry still has to demonstrate that it can compete abroad without heavy government backing. Agriculture has fared less

Iraqis have suffered from crease the money available rising costs, delays and lack to house purchasers. of skilled manpower.

There is a chronic short- transport the money available to house purchasers.

The Real Estate Bank of Iraq has recently doubled its well. Investment is lagging well behind targets and the official figures of 6.8 per cent real growth are viewed age of skilled manpower, especially at middle management level, and administrative deficiencies bave led to they will remain a subsidiary as private income rises but they will remain a subsidiary other pursues price control deposits stands at 15 per policies that make profit cent, hard to come by and discount rates have courage investment. In the since mid-November stood at meaning, the need for more 9 per cent across the board. and increasingly costly food However, supply of commer

the scope it provides for alternative financial support specialized banks government intervention. is growing apace. this credit from 2 is growing apaca. this credit from 2: Capital market develop last year to more

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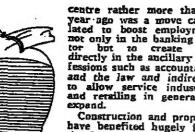
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for 1977 is projected and
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Construction and property
have benefited hugely from
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the boom conditions prevalent in all The Gulf littoral,
and capacity in this respect
is severely strained at
present.

Before the Second World
War, however, Bahrain grew
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It was against this background that the Bahrain
Monetary Agency (BMA) have been characterized by
took the decision to invite
the world's largest banks to
establish offshore units on
the island to obtain maximum support from the surplus-revenue states in the
volcinity.

Landlords were the first
Bahrainis to benefit from the
arrival of the bankers, who

Racial harmony is key to success



mountable fact, enacting year of liquefied natural gas complex legislation to con-will be processed for export trol immigration side by side to Japan.

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Little enthusiasm for pri-vate industrial enterprise has been shown by the Abu Dhabi commercial families to

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Mineral Resources for the United Arab Emirates,

from oil to the federal budget.

The surplus that remains after those contributions and the foreign sid from Shaikh Zayed's personal pocket and the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development is distributed by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority which replaced the London-based investment Completion of the building.

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Dubai, the second largest emirate, is the UAE's commercial capital, a status resting on Port Rashid's capacity to handle imports destined to handle imports destined for the whole country rather than on its 350,000bpd oil

The 17-berth port is being extended to 37 berths in addition to the new port under construction at Jebel Ali, Dubai's future heavy industry area and site of the next airport. It is already mooted that Jebel Ali will require large numbers of new immigrant workers and that special immigration arrangements will need to be worked out to ensure their

Dubai has long been a pros-perous trading centre and is directed as such by the ruler, Shaikh Rashid bin Sa'id al Maktum, and a core of mer-chant families to whom he is always available. The 39-seroes international trade Dubai to retain its entrepot

status.

Although trade absorbs the largest part of bank credit in Dubai, the city, like Abu Dhabi, is experiencing a experiencing a constituted base.

Al Fujayrah, Ajman and Umm al Qaywayn are three emissions.

EGONOMIC SURVEY

and Shaikh Zaved both announced new funds to involve citizens in property, hased prosperity, in Shaikh Rashid's case by contributing 300m dirham (£43m) personally to a 1,000m dirham (£145m) fund to be opened to the public through the public subscription of shares, itself a new concept. The timing of the announcement, on the same

an ECGI-backed line of credit were signed for the construction and equipping of the aluminium smelter, may indicate the internal importance of bringing citizens as well as foreign companies more and more into the economy. Many Dubai merchants are entering into joint construction ventures. joint construction ventures with large overseas concerns all of them British to date.

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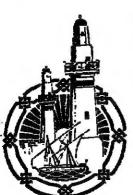
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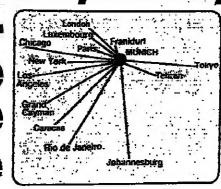
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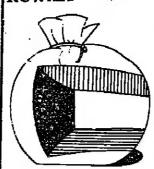
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Equipped to cope with comfort

KUWAIT



by David Blake

Middle East, Kuwait is perhaps the one which was best By the time that happens, equipped to cope with the most Kuwaitis could prob-sudden upsurge in oil re- ably live in great comfort venues which followed the off the earnings from their increase in oil prices in overseas holdings.

How large these overseas

world after Saudi Arabia and Irao, both of which have generate earnings of about much bigger populations. For a considerable period during the late 1950s and early 1960s, it was the Gulf's biggest producer, and the experience of surpluses which it then accumulated enabled it to develop a system of overseas investment to cope with handling surplus funds.

Domestically, too, the Labour shortages of all kinds out some of the ambitious of the ment plans which could be no more than dreams for other oil producers before the rise in oil prices.

The result has been rather less affected than some other of this period is and strict of the scarted about. In spite of attempts to build up this industry, which is expected to absorb some which is expected to absorb some with the next five years, production and the take separt of crude oil continue to dominate the Kuwaiti economy. Exports in 1976 and advisory or service role, where about \$8,500m, roughly with some of the world's the same as in 1975 but considerably lower than in 1974, with some of the samitious industrial and social development, and have persistently held back no more than dreams for other oil producers before the rise in oil prices.

The result has been rather less affected than some other output in this period is barrels in 1974. mud tran, both of which have generate earnings of about much bigger populations. \$1,000m a year, a sum which during the late 1950s and early 1960s, it was the Gulf's biggest producer and the

countries by massive eco- without doubt housing, which nomic change in recent has been allocated some so heavily on a state-owned years. Income per head has £2,800m in what is to be a asset for its prosperity shot up to £5,012 in 1974, crash programme to elimin-means that the public sector compared with £1,471 in ate some of the worst short- is the most important source

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being most strongly encour-commercial banks in the aged are the oil-related country, all operating under petrochemical industries. Not the control of the Central most Kuwaitis could probably live in great comfort only do they have ready Bank, access to reedstock, some of In

Britain, but much of the in- ages.

Crease has gone into in- Housing is a particularly But there is also a very wealthy merchant class, and income of the companion of the co crease has gone into in- Housing is a particularly But there is also a very creased foreign investment sensitive issue since some of wealthy merchant class, and and the buying out of foreign the worst difficulties are a small number of families stakes in the country's oil faced by the immigrant wor-control very substantial for-

The need for this group keep the wheels of the to find investments has Kuwaiti economy turning sparked off a property boom frenetic air to the country's They now outnumber native within the country and has development plan than exists Kuwaitis, and their prepon- also significantly affected in some countries where the derance in the workforce at the structure of banking in prospect of the oil running 74 per cent is even greater, the country. Kuwait limits out is a real one. For with This is because a high pro-ownership in banks to Kuwaiti nationals, although supply still available, even are too young to be part of there is heavy European and the countries in the at present rates of producting population.

East, Kuwait is persistent in the prospect is remote.

The industries which are management. There are six The industries which are management. There are six

How large these overseas holdings are is not entirely which would otherwise be known to have huge reserves of oil, which make it the third ranking oil state, in the world after Saudi Arabia and Irao, both of which have In addition, the Industrial



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Big spending threatens development

ALGERIA



by Francis Ghiles

OAPEC, oil remains Algeria's single most important hard currency earner, contributing 90 per cent of the country's export revenue. Production climbed to 51 million tons gas badly; whereas world in 1973, declined in the next wide there is a surplus of cash and thus faces an uppersive two years but picked up oil and sufficient shipping again in 1976. Some observed up capacity to deliver it, such again in 1976. Some observed is not the case with gas producing as much oil as it which supplies 30 per cent could in 1975 (43 million of all American energy needs and feeds industries could in 1975 (43 million of all American energy tons) but in retrospect that needs and feeds industries appears to have been a pessi-

However, when the head of and there is not time enough the state oil company Sona to avoid a shortage by protrach recently forecast that Algeria would be producing 100 million tons of oil a year by 1985, many observers were sceptical. The only way such a forecast could be close to the truth is if Algeria made another important discovery : rumours have been rife in recent months

of a big find has been made. Trends in future oil profour-year \$27,500m develop-ment plan scheduled for com-pletion at the end of the pre-sent year.

derstand. for which substitute fuels are not suitable. The United

viding substitute fuels. Against this pressing need cratic delays, the divergence between government and industry and more basically the lack of any government, policy, all of which are slow-ing down the decision-making process.

These delays are not entirely surprising: the auth-orities are afraid of becom-

cffort to build a gas export because rurning off the gas planners systematically buy industry which will eventually replace oil exports.

Algeria's biggest gamble concerns natural gas, all the country's leaders are intent control over its own affairs because of the highly complex technology involved, may pursue radical policies plants and liquefied natural gas ships, not to mention the financing.

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signed with American companies; they provide for the late and export capacity is supply.

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hill battle to maintain the high level of its development monthly running (533,000) expenditure. The four-year and plan was based on a price (\$330,000, of \$16 a barrel for oil and Another oil receipts have been below scheduled for delivery bethis figure since 1974.

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Meanwhile expenditure requirements have increased—reckoned to be the most effithe cost of both food and cient shipping company in

Hence the resistance of ome bankers to lending more money to Algeria \$1,000m on the Euromarkets ports provides the financial more, contracts would run are three important points, as it did it is are used to. The probing in 1974 and 1975, Algeria has lems of financing remain to borrow more on the for-considerable despite the fact eign capital markets or that Algeria has been able to borrow considerable in 1974 ambitious goals of its amounts of money.

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money goes into capital if the gas programme is late, investment and not consumer CNAN faces highly increased expenditure. Most modern costs. CNAN says that during economies have developed by the early years interest costs borrowing money from for could eat up 80 per cent of total revenues.

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factories which were lost were nearly all small. Once were nearly all small. Once business was given sufficient capital small enterprises could be set up again fairly quickly. Greek Cypriots also tend to be well educated; one in 40 is a student and in the towns bilingualism in Greek and English is common.

The capital to reequip industry and agriculture came partly from the Bank of Cyprus but mainly from foreign loans and grants. Since the total number of Greek Cypriots is only a little over half a million, aid from Greece, the United States and the EEC countries goes a long way. The World an induced by a long way. The World Bank, for instance, is lend-tharing \$14m towards the cost of the \$45m Paphos irrigation e Turkish Cyp scheme on the west of the culminating in island.

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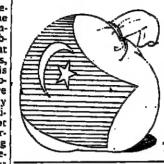
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Some of Istanbul's 4,500,000 people. Unemployment plagues the Turkish economy as people leave the farms faster than industry can absorb them.

Two difficult years for odd man out

TURKEY



by Betty Yaser.

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seeking full membership of economy as people leave the vestment is small in Turkey. the EEC. Turkey embarked on an veloping industry can that foreign banks will be ambitious industrialization absorb them. The labour welcomed. Turkish banks plan in 1962 and has main-force also grows rapidly be-have recently become more tained a most impressive cause of the 2.4 per cent active in attracting foreign

Exports are mostly of an agricultural nature, though more diversified and con-Turkey is something of a raining more manufactures phenomenon in the Middle than most Middle East coun-

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embargo by the United term foreign deficit finance.
States, which put sharp pressure on the defence budget.

Turkey hopes to attract oil producers' capital eventually It also tended to bring the through the higher interest. Turks closer to the Eastern rate incentive, but in the block, as witnessed by sev-meantime is attracting the eral economic agreements capital of some foreign with the Soviet Union, banks, individuals, and Romania and Bulgaria.

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membership of the EEC has waned in Turkey.

The private sector is important in andustrial produc-tion, but the state was the initiator of modern growth with the establishment of Sumerbank in 1935. The state soon set up several bank/ holding companies which not only performed commercial banking operations but also bad industrial subsidiaries.

These banks generally give These banks generally give specialized loans but compete with private backs for funds. There are 22 private commercial banks, six foreign and two small local banks. Branch banking is extensive with more than 4,420 branches throughout Turkey and abroad.

The use of banking services has grown steadily even though there is still no widespread use of cheques. Banks are subject to a special banking law and the commercial code. The the commercial code. The Central Bank establishes the interest and rediscount rate structures, reserve require-ments and often interferes in other ways to limit credit according to plan targets.

The Central Bank also administers all foreign exchange transactions, leaving little initiative to banks. The Ministry of Finance sets the foreign loan and deposit criteria, restricting and recriteria, restricting and re-leasing the flows as neces-sary. As a result the Turkish commercial banking system is not very flexible and banks often resort to nonprice competition.

Foreign banks, restricted by the Banking Law, are not growth rate averaging 7 to annual population growth deposits with the reactivation of the convertible liration in agriculture. Per capita income is about \$980.

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The industrialization programme calls for large-scale imports, which in most years has resulted in a foreign exchange deficit. But remittances. From the million Turks abroad (reaching 51,500m in one year)

The decision to income is about 5930.

The past two years have deposit accounts. These accounts allow for Turkey politically and foreigners and Turks abroad conomically. It is striving to deposit foreign exchange with a guaranteed exchange cratic framework despite rate and interest at 1.75 per coalition stalemates, but the cent net over the Euroconflicts within the Govern market rate. The funds can ment have led to delays in be lent by the banks in alleviate the deficit.

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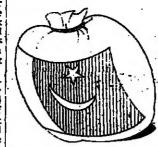
Turkey hopes to attract oil earner. The expected gap of producers' capital eventually \$850m in foreign trade is exparent companies wishing to finance their Turkish sub-

With the growth of the Turkish economy and its dealings abroad it is expec-ted that the banking system

Floods and pests cut back cotton crop

BANKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST

PAKISTAN



by Hasan Akhtar

agrarian economy is in transition with foundations being laid for heavy manufacturing industry and remunerative been rewarded with the dis-agriculture. The immediate covery of substantial bil and bright but the diversion of a sizable chunk of resources is expected to accelerate the pace of development when various projects initiated by government in industrial and agricultural sectors go into production.

Even three decades after independence Pakistan is heavily dependent on nature's bounties for its economic from largely offset by the size of payments resulting antionalization of all vital from higher costs of imports, inflation and recession, the provided with natural distance have been largely offset by the size of investment resources in the part of th

nature's bounties for its eco-nomic health. Favourable weather yields a rich har-vest, foreign exchange earnings increase industrial proomy is reflected in greater economic activity and better employment opportuni. ded timely aid with the offer ties whereas vagaries of about \$900m to meet the weather can drastically and effects of the oil price rise. suddenly change the entire Dicture.

During the current year Pakistan faces prospects of its biggest deficit in its balance of payments because of a tailure for the second consecutive year of the cotton crop, the country's principal foreign exchange pected to rise to \$1,000m because there were no exports of cotton. Cotton yarn and textile exports were ex-pected to earn \$570m out of total exports of \$1,250m Floods and pests destroyed hopes of a bumper cotton crop and, as against an esti-mated four million bales, only 2,900,000 bales are ex-pected. Two million eight bundred thousand bales are

required for processing by indigenous industry. An improvement in the

A crash programme for searching for oil has been launched and only recently efforts in this direction have outlook does not appear too gas reserves valued at bright but the diversion of a \$5,000m in the Deraghazi Khan district of Punjab. Foreign exploiters are being

been largely offset by the flow of substantial aid from consortium countries and oilrich Islamic states. Foreign debt liability touched \$6.600m from \$4,000m four years ago. Opec also exten-ded timely aid with the offer of about \$900m to meet the

> Portfolio of joint ventures grows

Prices keep exerting upward pressure although a slight improvement has been. folio of joint ventures with the Middle East and African countries has expanded vastly. Pakistan's concentration on obtaining financial assistance from these countries has yielded tangible results in securing Iranian, Saudi, Libyan and United Arab

export of textiles, rice, leather, fish and carputs may been achieved in the manureduce the gap to some extent. If this happens Pakistan could be lucky to machinery. A heavy mechanism the level of the previous year's exports and a percent connection for about 50 per cent economy growth rate.

Fuel, food and fertilizer plete sugar plants based on account for about 50 per cent of Pakistan's import bill. It is intended to cut down their and shipped complete steel impost through substitution

is intended to cut down their impost through substitution from domestic sources. The country has crossed the threshold of self-sufficiency in wheat and sugar. Steps are also under way to replace the import of edible oils costing \$120m, through the cultivation of oil rich seeds.

A crash programme for searching for oil has been including missiles, fighter including missiles, fighter aircraft, subtrarines and electronic devices. China and some East European countries with possible French assistance and Gulf states money are said to be

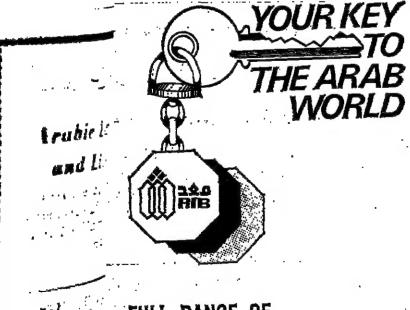
Foreign investment mained untouched, but in five years the Government took over from private con-trol banks, life insurance, shipping various agrarian-based industries and 10 key industries. In an effort to attract foreign private in-vestment the Government formulated a scheme for a duty-free processing zone for exportable 'manufactures.

Commercial banks were nationalized in January, 1973. Banking, however, continues to be expanded. Rural areas and priority sectors are receiving an inflow of credit. Two thousand new bank branches have been set up to cover towns and large villages. In three years bank advances rose by 90 per cent representing Rs 10,350m. Bank deposits were at a highest level of more than Rs 29,280m with Rs 3,260m increase in the previous year alone. ..

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Italian deal reflects change

LIBYA



vest \$415m in the Italian fallen back.

firm of Fiat. The deal, But the government policy capita income during that which makes Libya the of reducing oil liftings since second biggest shareholder 1971 has also been responsin one of Europe's largest sible for a sharp drop in excompanies, also represents ports, with a corresponding launched its biggest and the first significant move by loss of income. Up to the end most ambitious development a Middle East state to have of 1975 (1973 excepted)

the first significant move by a Middle East state to buy into the Italian industry.

It also reflects a drastic change in Libya's official investment abroad. Although Libya has been committing itself to some large investments in many of the African and Asian countries as well as in a number of East European countries, it rarely invested in the West before the Fiat deal. The fact that the move was taken despite the Fiat deal. The fact that the move was taken despite fell steeply, however, in the Libya's uneasy relations with Italy, since the expulsion of the Italians in 1970, has also added to its significance.

In 1975, Libya's current account recorded an unprecedented deficit amounting to in Libya, over concessions with a huge and liftings rates.

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It is expected that up to 1980, Libya's gross national product will grow by 10.7 per cent a year leading to a real per capita income of more than \$6,000 by 1980.

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count recorded an unprecedented deficit amounting to S483m compared with a huge surplus of \$1,765m achieved in 1974. After this, there was sneculation that Libya was facing serious cash problems, as bills presented by its higher foreign contractors were sid not to have been met in time. The Government's the serious to serious to serious to serious to serious deficiency in 1975. Despite a government decision to boost oil production to 800 million skilled labour and administrative staff. Nearly a 1976, envisaging steep published.

position.

Libya's financial reserves are built up almost entirely from its trade surpluses. Al
The recent increase in for foreign workers will increase considerably to reach more than 40 per cent of its workforce by 1980.

The recent increase in Religious Paramoneur from its trade surpluses. Altrogen these showed some Libya's oil exports has also fluctuations during the past considerably improved its from abroad involves not seven years, their values respectively. In serves which rose to factors but also political serves which rose to factors but also political considerable. In serves which rose to factors but also political considerations whose future was put at \$1.644m and this compared with \$2.355m cannot be accurately rose to \$1.700m in 1970 but reached in June 1975. In assessed. It is therefore, the it declined to \$1.623m in the 1973, Libya's foreign respectively of manpower following year. It rose again serves plunged to \$2.127m, which will almost determine to \$1.656m in 1973 and it the lowest since 1970, and the prospects of Libya's reached its peak of \$1.1,628m that was said to have been in 1974 as a result of the caused by the large pay-

quantity of oil sold abroad. Is believed to represent such Libya has been able to maintain a differential premium which it charged for its oil. Its light crude is not only conveniently close to the European markets and thus costing less to ship, but also of good quality and low gravity and of a fairly low stulphur content which means that it is cheaper to refine. But this has not always

by Atef Sultan

But this has not always worked in favour of its oil went programmes.

Exports. After the steep price rise of 1973, some of the international oil companies found it cheaper to going bankrupt came to a buy lower-cost Gulf oil economic and social programs.

Its financial surpluses could be channelled into development performent programmes.

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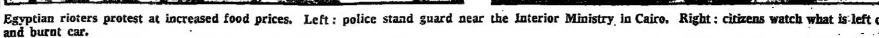
in 1974 as a result of the caused by the large paymassive 1973 oil price rise, ments made by Libya to
The author is on the staff of ful) is the Suez Canal.
In 1975, it declined again other Arab states during the reaching only £L974m.

October 1973 war.

Libya's exports consist almost wholly of oil. Thus its urade surplus is almost completely governed by the its net errors and omissions quantity of oil sold abroad. These payments do not appear in Libya's Central Bank accounts but the size of its net errors and omissions is believed to represent such a consistent. These payments do not appear in Libya's Central consistence of the consistence

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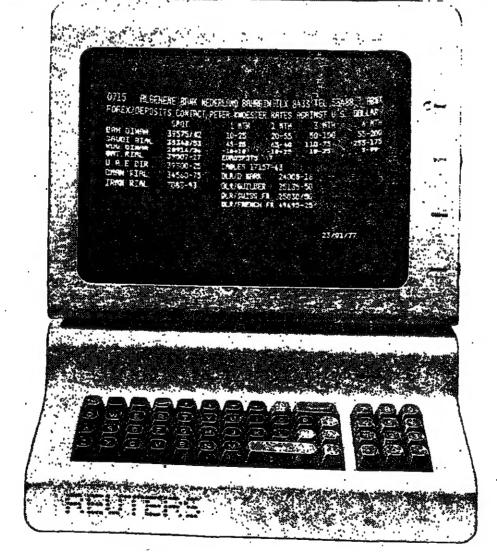


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